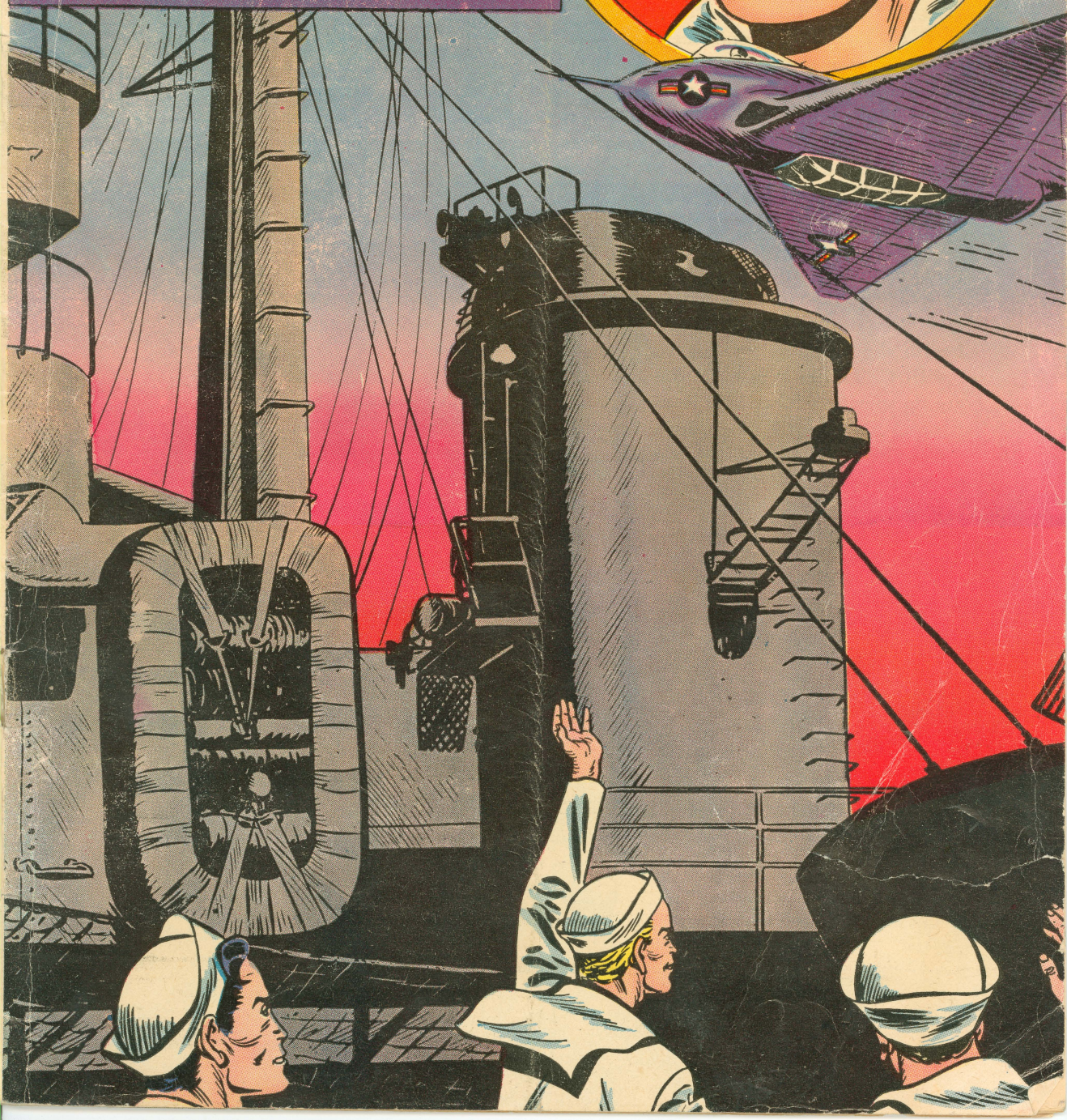
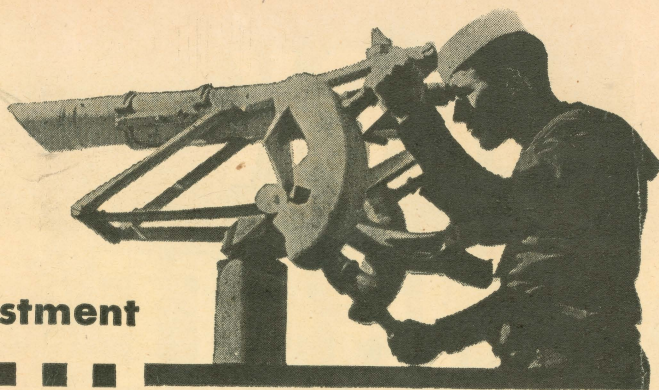


DICK WINGATE

of the UNITED STATES NAVY



Requirements for enlistment in the regular Navy ■ ■ ■



To enlist in the Navy you must meet certain requirements. The principal ones are listed below. Inasmuch as they change from time to time, be sure to talk them over with the recruiting officer. He has the latest information.

AGE. You must be between the ages of 17 and 30 (inclusive). If under 18, you must have written consent from your parents or legal guardian. When you enlist you will be asked to furnish a birth certificate. Those men with previous naval service who are 31 years or older may be accepted, if their total previous active duty, deducted from their present age, places them in the foregoing age group.

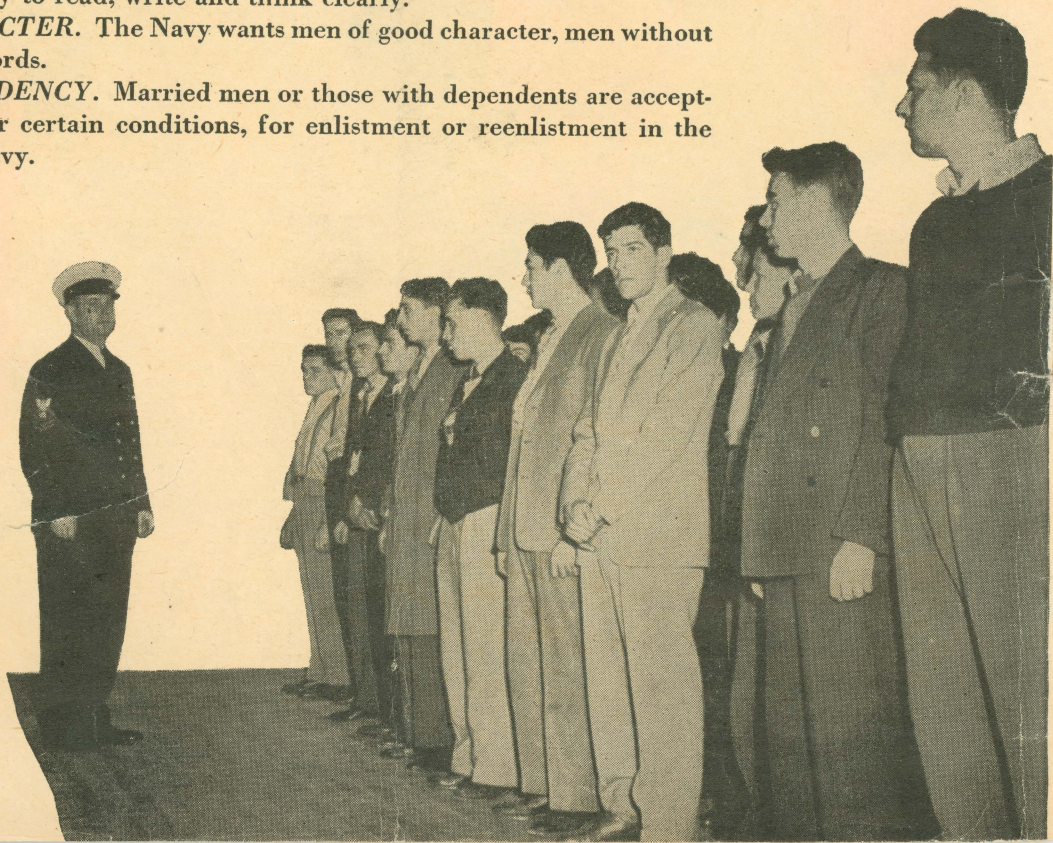
CITIZENSHIP. You must be a citizen of the United States, native born or fully naturalized, or a native of a U. S. insular possession. If you are not a native born United States citizen, you must show written proof of citizenship.

PHYSICAL. You must pass a physical examination to show that you meet the minimum required enlistment standards. Any man in normal health should be able to meet all physical requirements.

EDUCATION. While the Navy prefers high school graduates, there are no specific educational requirements. You will take a test to show your ability to read, write and think clearly.

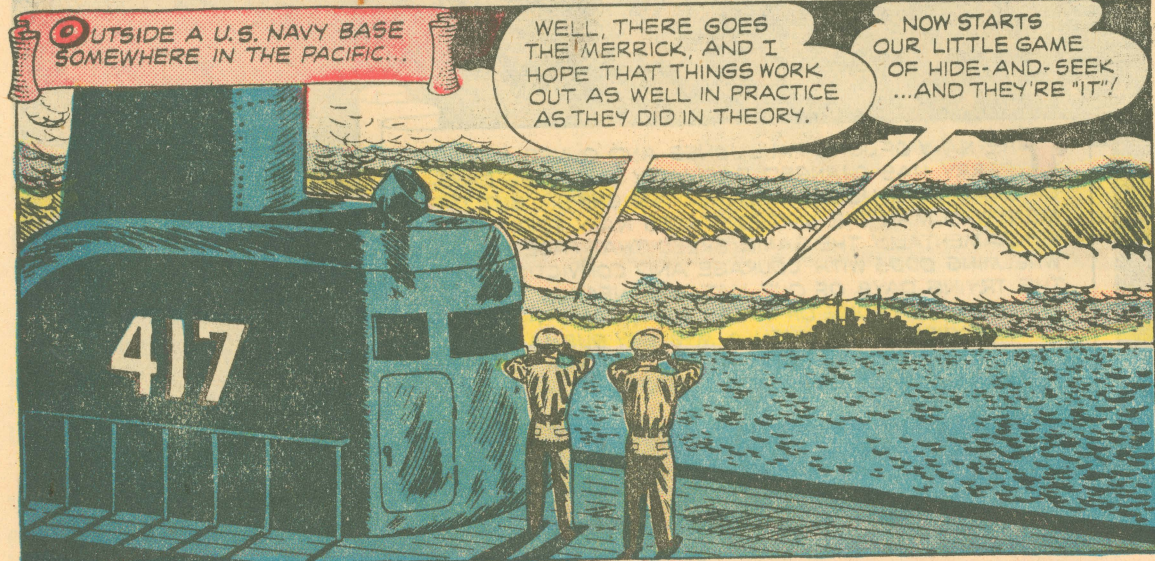
CHARACTER. The Navy wants men of good character, men without police records.

DEPENDENCY. Married men or those with dependents are acceptable, under certain conditions, for enlistment or reenlistment in the regular Navy.



THE NAVY OF JOHN PAUL JONES AND OLIVER HAZARD PERRY HAS CHANGED RADICALLY SINCE THE DAYS OF GRAPPLING HOOKS AND WOODEN SHIPS... BUT THE MEN WHO MAN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TODAY ARE FUNDAMENTALLY THE SAME BREED THAT FACED OVERWHELMING ODDS WITH COURAGE AND CONVICTION DURING THE TRYING DAYS OF OUR NATION'S INFANCY. THIS IS THE STORY OF SOME OF THESE MEN... AND THEIR EXCITING EXPERIENCES WHEN A MYSTERY SUBMARINE TRANSFORMS THE HUSH-HUSH TEST OF A NEW U.S. NAVY WEAPON FROM A SHAM BATTLE INTO GRIM REALITY...

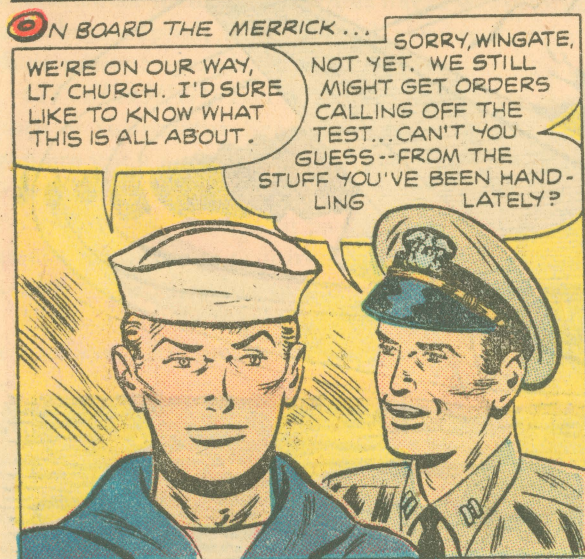




OUTSIDE A U.S. NAVY BASE
SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC...

WELL, THERE GOES
THE 'MERRICK, AND I
HOPE THAT THINGS WORK
OUT AS WELL IN PRACTICE
AS THEY DID IN THEORY.

NOW STARTS
OUR LITTLE GAME
OF HIDE-AND-SEEK
...AND THEY'RE "IT"!



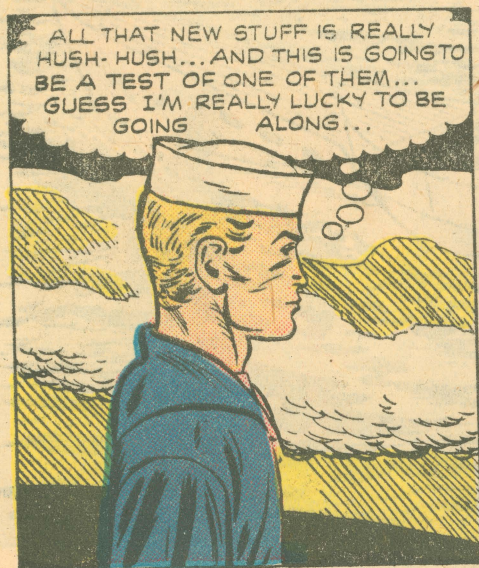
WE'RE ON OUR WAY,
LT. CHURCH. I'D SURE
LIKE TO KNOW WHAT
THIS IS ALL ABOUT.

SORRY, WINGATE,
NOT YET. WE STILL
MIGHT GET ORDERS
CALLING OFF THE
TEST... CAN'T YOU
GUESS--FROM THE
STUFF YOU'VE BEEN HAND-
LING LATELY?

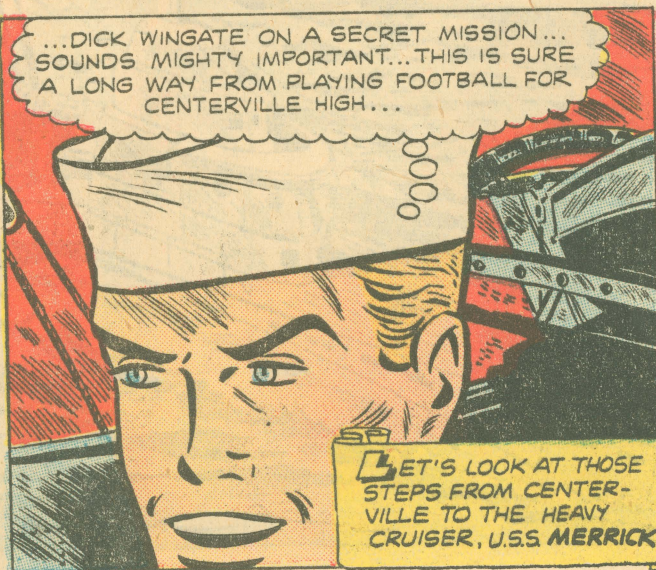


WISH I COULD...
BUT I'VE BEEN WORK-
ING ON A GOOD DOZEN
OF THE NAVY'S NEW
ELECTRONIC WEAPONS!

WELL, IT'S GOT TO
BE ONE OF THEM.
GET SOME SLEEP.
I'M GOING TO
TURN IN MYSELF.

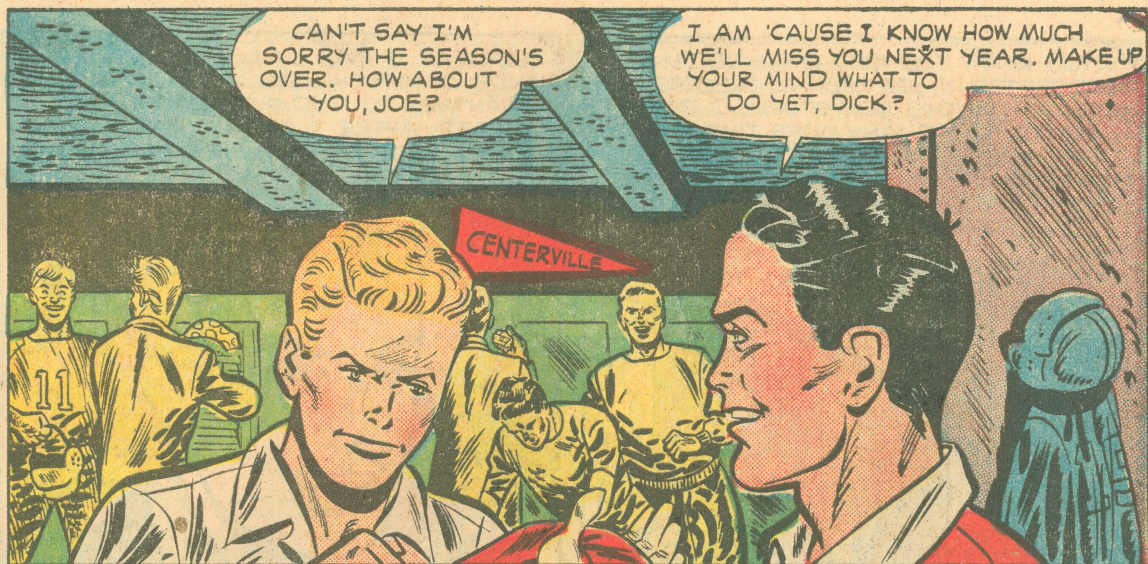


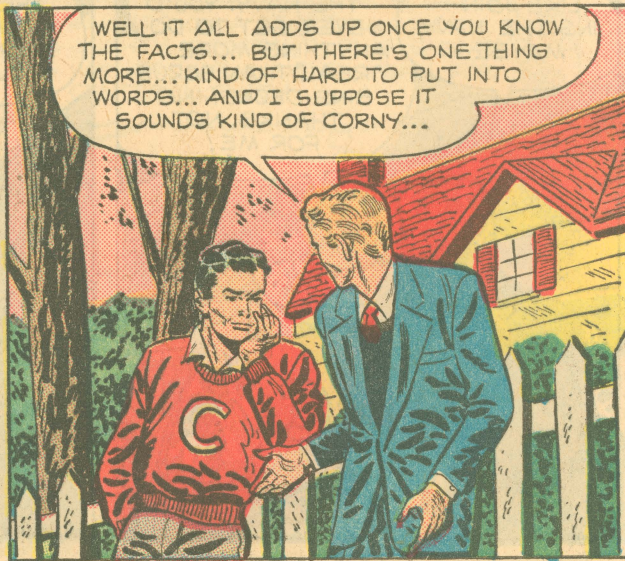
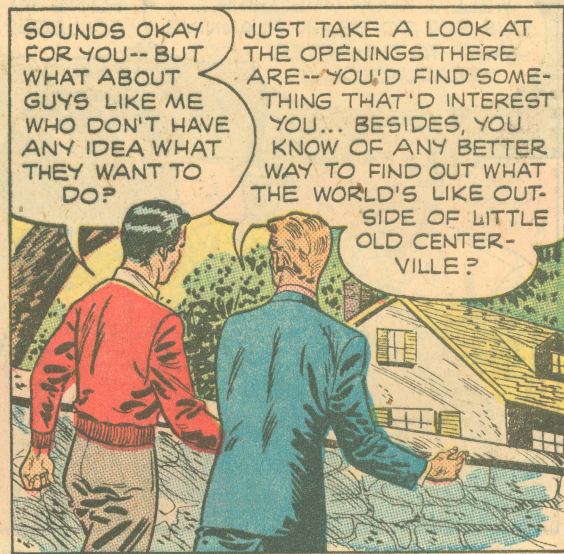
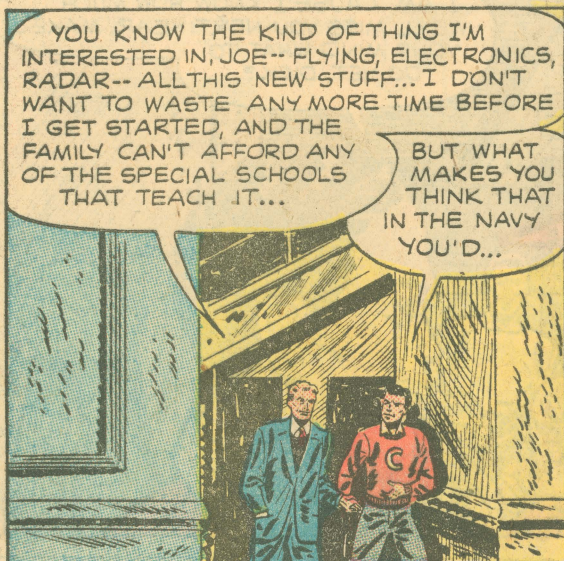
ALL THAT NEW STUFF IS REALLY
HUSH-HUSH... AND THIS IS GOING TO
BE A TEST OF ONE OF THEM...
GUESS I'M REALLY LUCKY TO BE
GOING ALONG...

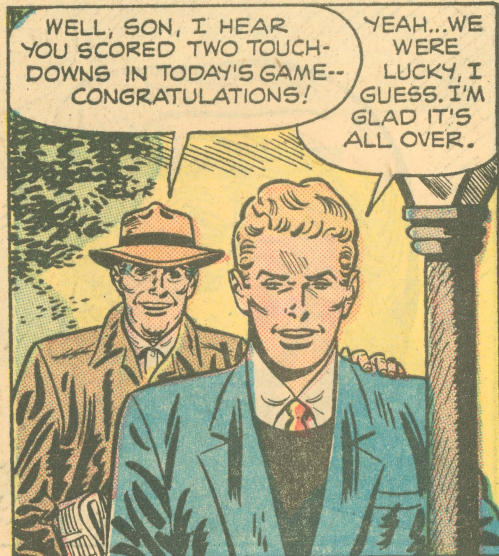
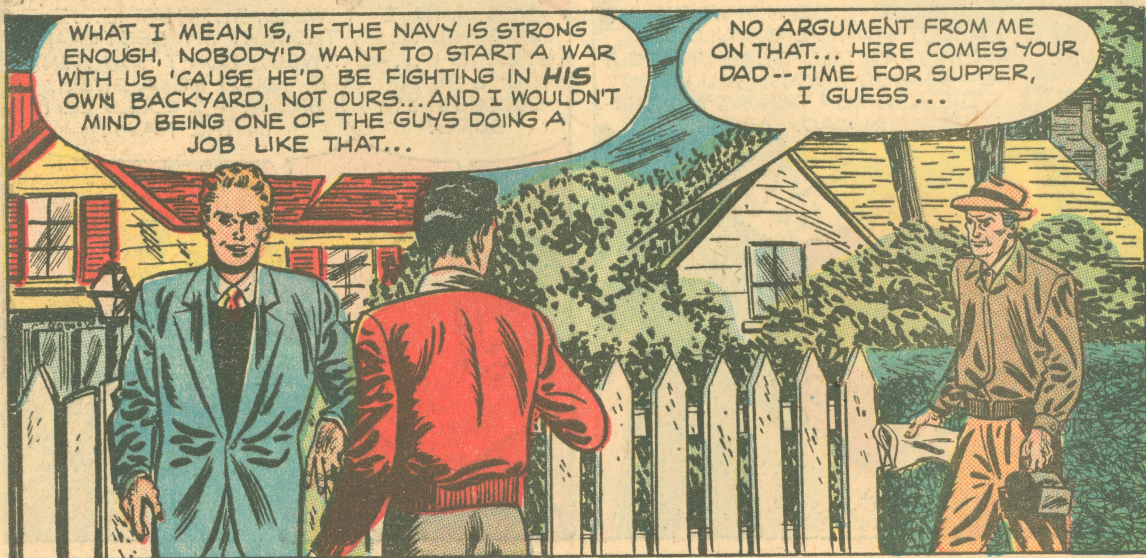
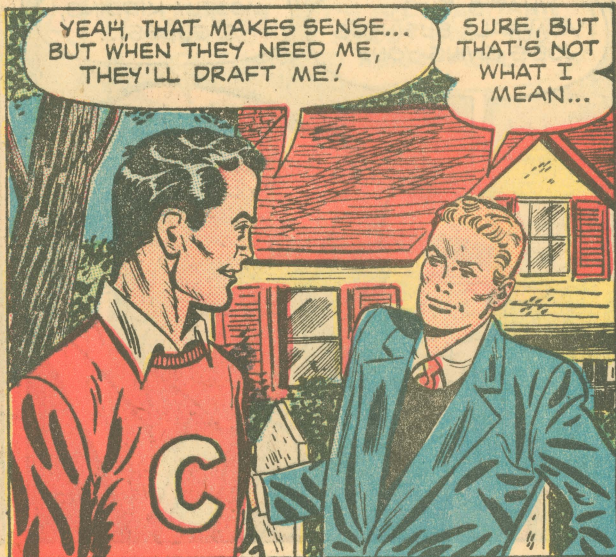
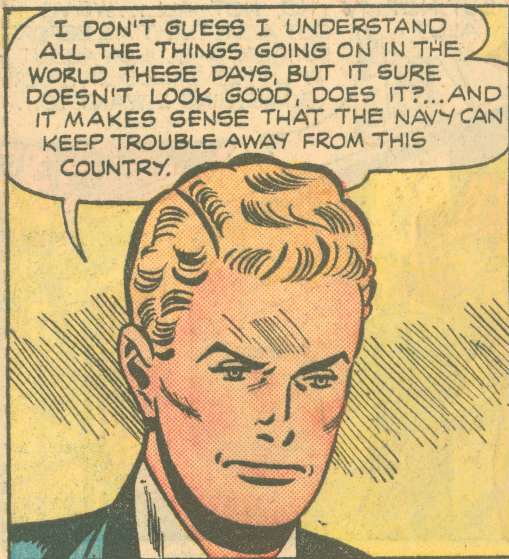


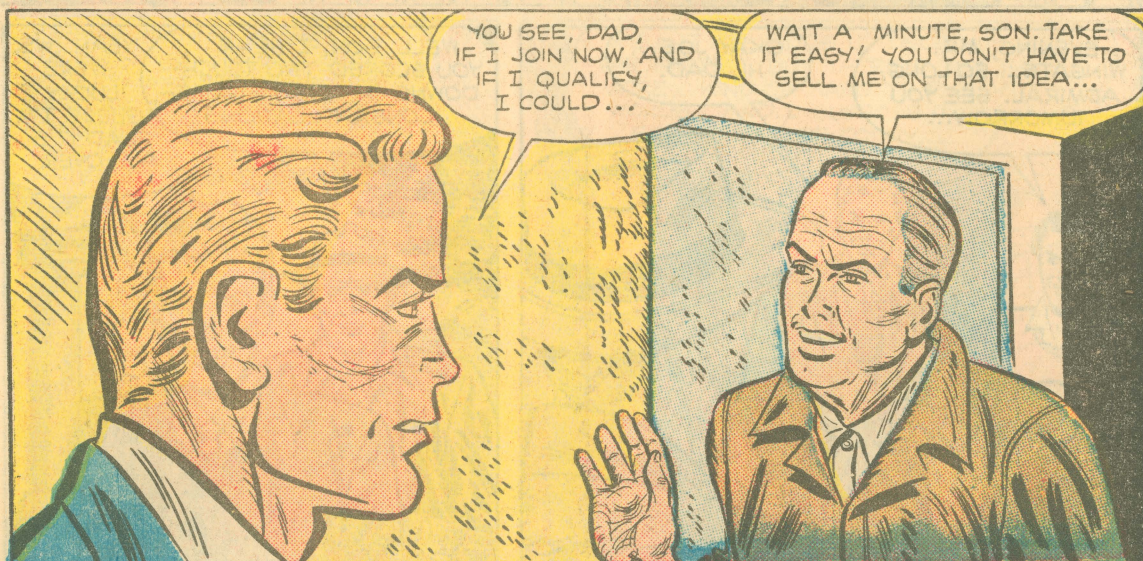
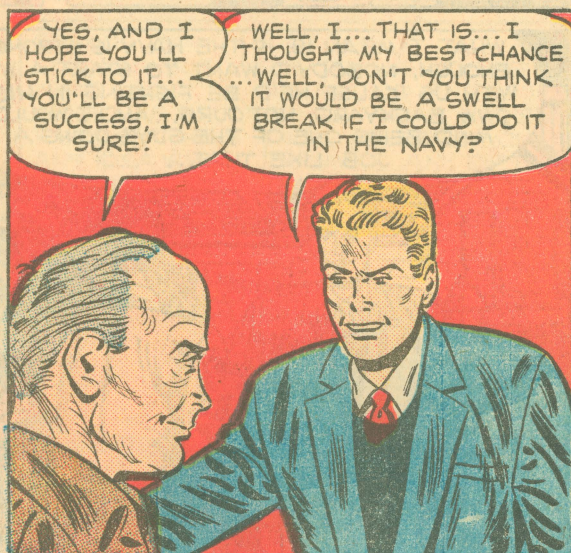
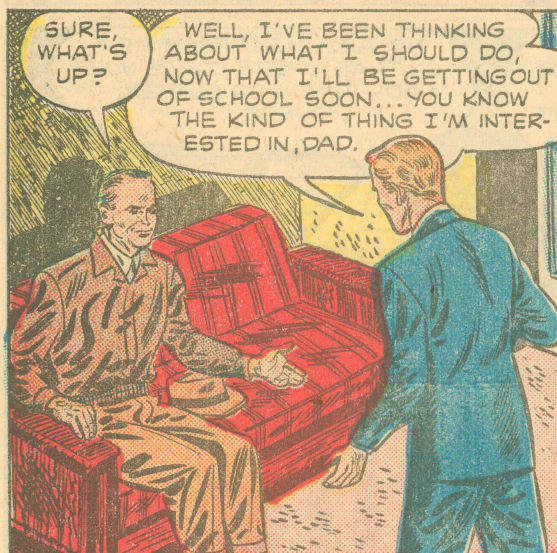
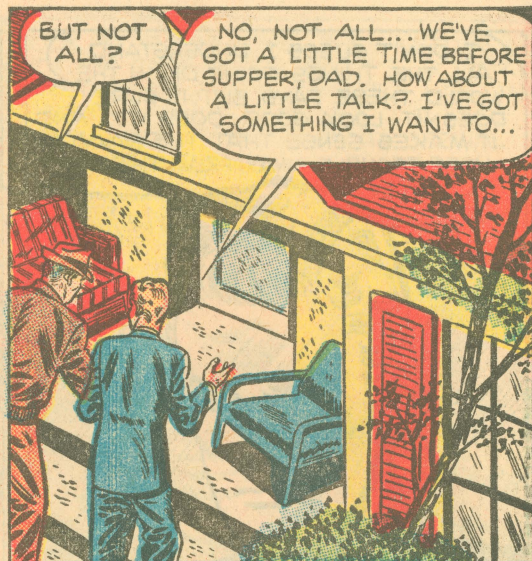
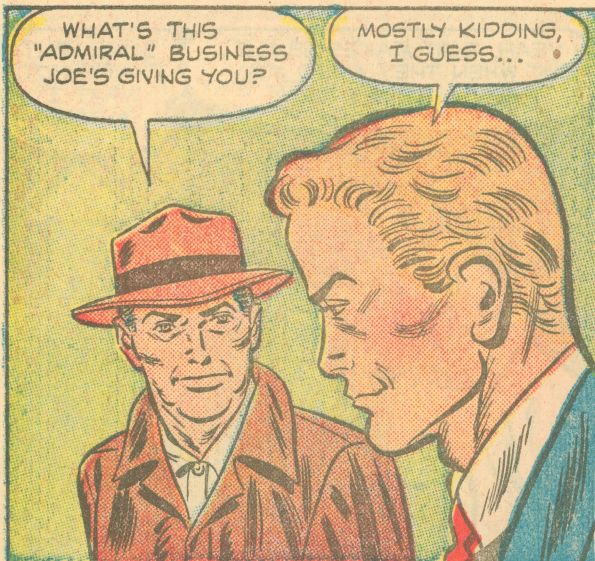
...DICK WINGATE ON A SECRET MISSION...
SOUNDS MIGHTY IMPORTANT... THIS IS SURE
A LONG WAY FROM PLAYING FOOTBALL FOR
CENTERVILLE HIGH...

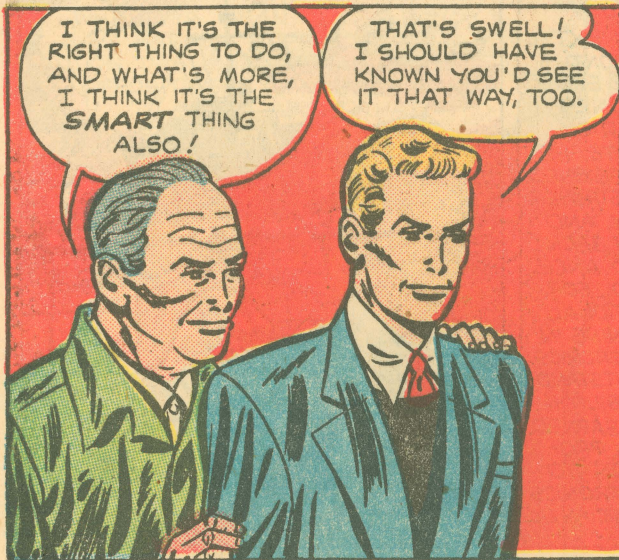
LET'S LOOK AT THOSE
STEPS FROM CENTER-
VILLE TO THE HEAVY
CRUISER, U.S.S. MERRICK.



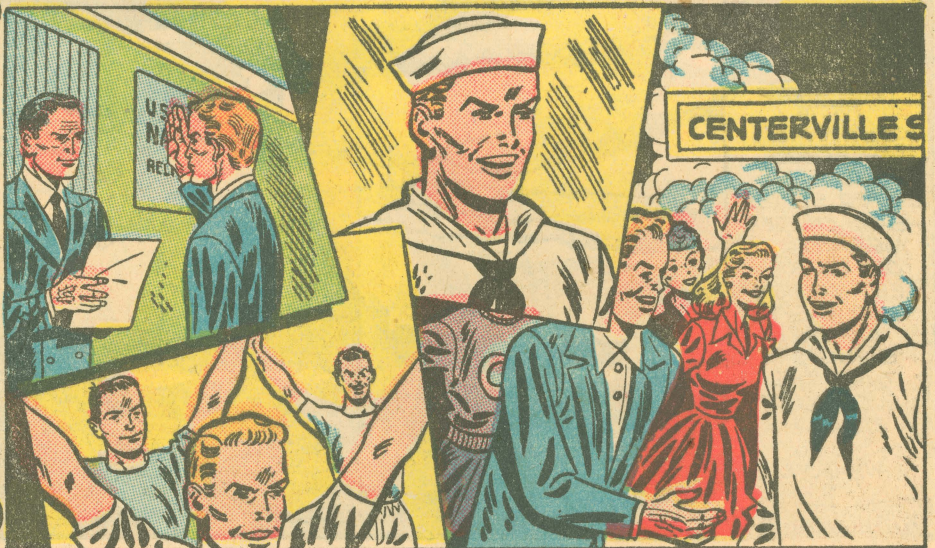




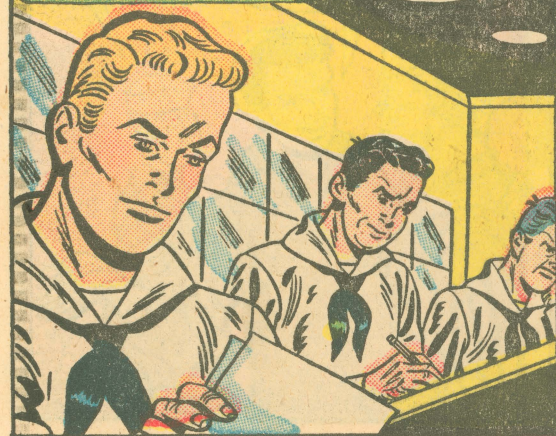




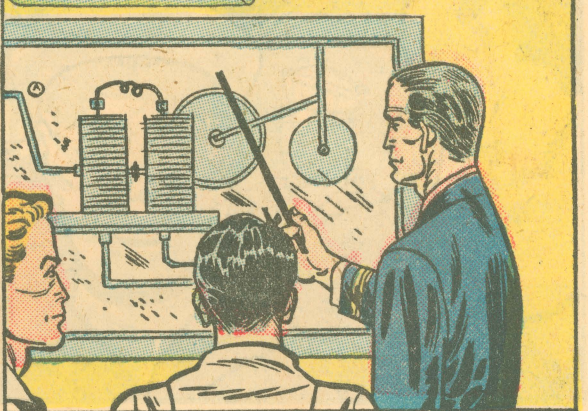
AND SOON BEGINS THE PROCESS OF DICK WINGATE JOINING HIS COUNTRY IN THEIR MUTUAL AIM OF INSURING FUTURE SECURITY... AND DICK'S GOAL OF AN INTERESTING, WELL-PAID CAREER...

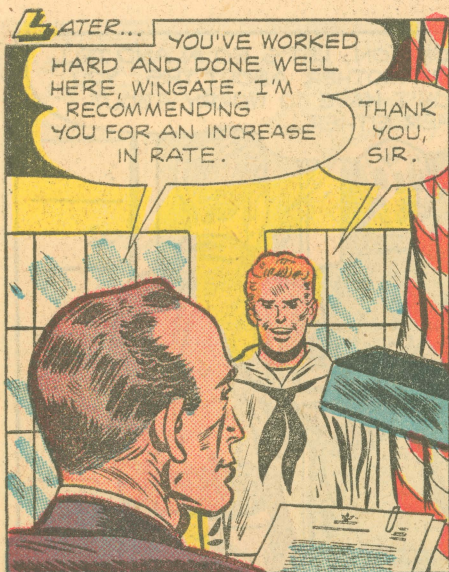


AFTER THE REGULAR THREE MONTHS OF "BOOT" TRAINING, DICK TOOK-- AND DID WELL ON--AN EXAM TO TEST HIS SPECIAL ABILITIES...



... AND WAS ASSIGNED TO A SCHEDULE THAT WOULD TRAIN HIM FURTHER AND WOULD DETERMINE HOW FAR HE WOULD GO IN THE NAVY'S VAST PROGRAM IN ELECTRONICS...

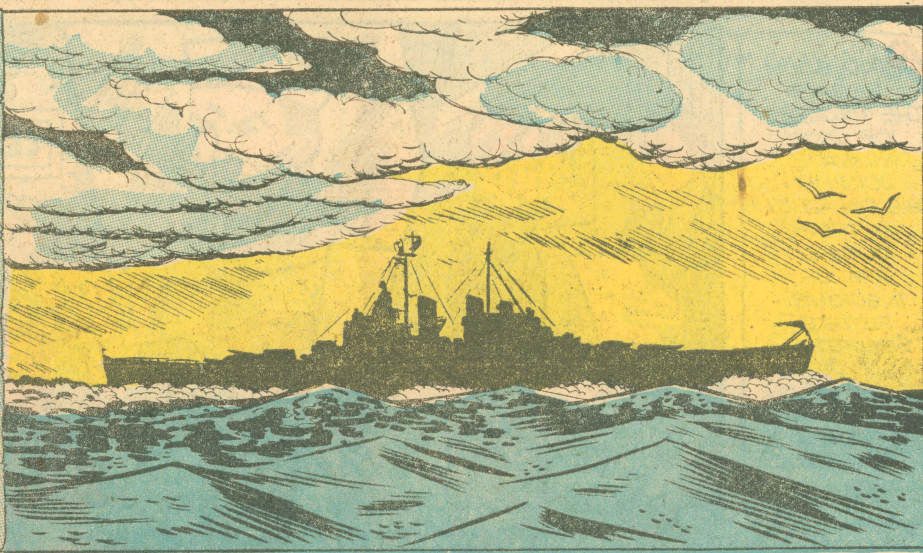


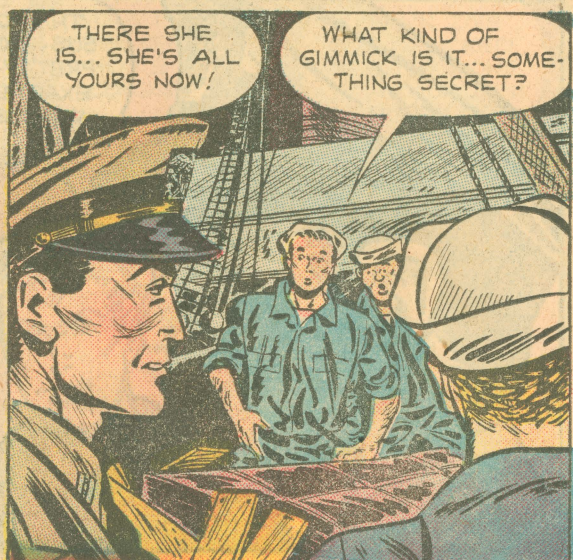
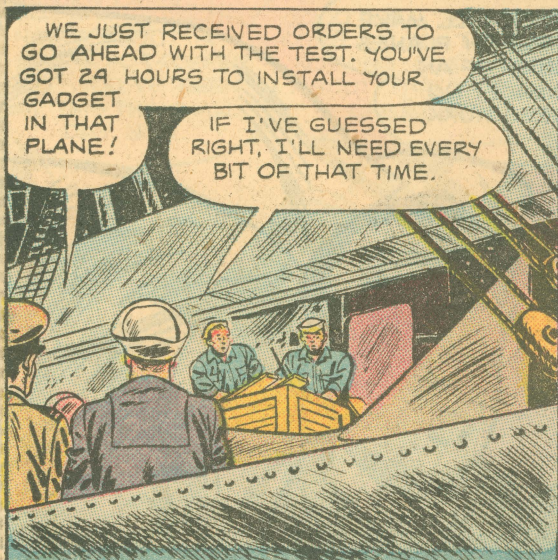
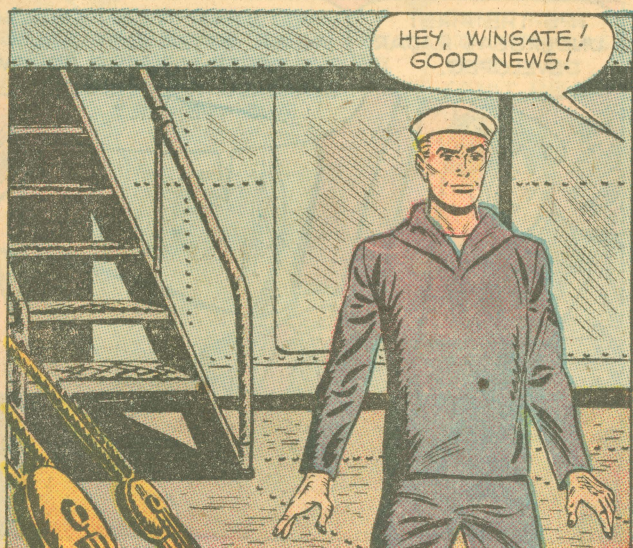
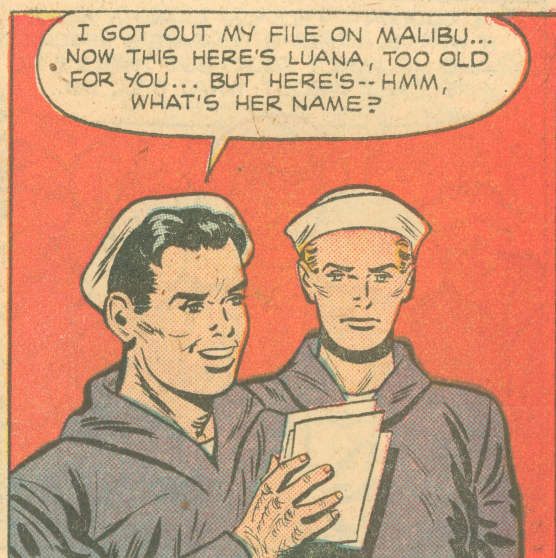


THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WERE EXCITING ONES FOR DICK WINGATE. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO DESTROYER DUTY, AND THEN BACK TO ADVANCE SCHOOL FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN ELECTRONICS. HIS OUTSTANDING ABILITY SOON EARNED HIM A PROMOTION TO ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN 2/C.



THOSE WERE THE STEPS FROM CENTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL TO THE UNITED STATES HEAVY CRUISER MERRICK, OFF ON A TEST MISSION THAT WAS TO INVOLVE EVEN MORE THAN THE SUCCESS OF A STARTLING NEW WEAPON...





I COULDN'T TELL YOU EXACTLY *HOW* IT WORKS... THAT'S WINGATE'S SPECIALTY, AND HE WON'T TALK. BUT THERE'S NO SECRET ABOUT WHAT IT'LL DO...



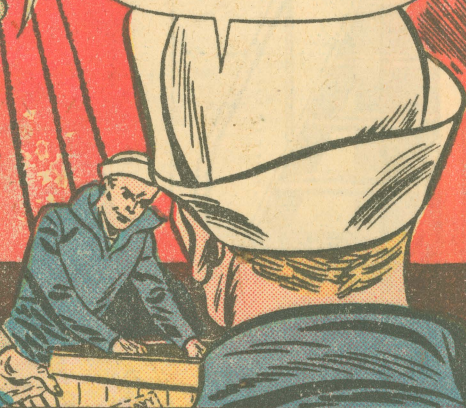
WHEN IT'S INSTALLED HERE, IT'LL INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF SUB-HUNTING A THOUSAND PERCENT. THIS DEVICE IS OUR RADAR DEVELOPMENT, BUT WITH SOMETHING ADDED.



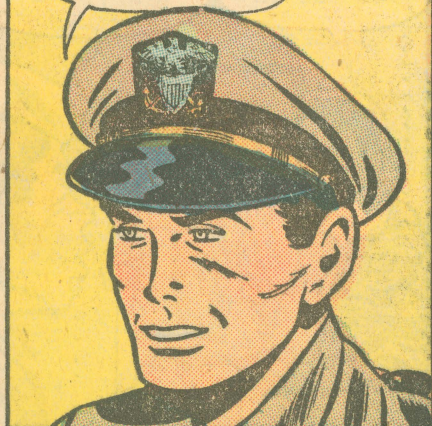
IT'S THE FIRST UNDERSEAS RADAR DEVELOPED.



YOU MEAN IT CAN SEARCH UNDER WATER JUST THE WAY OUR PRESENT RADAR EQUIPMENT SEARCHES THE SURFACE AND THE AIR?



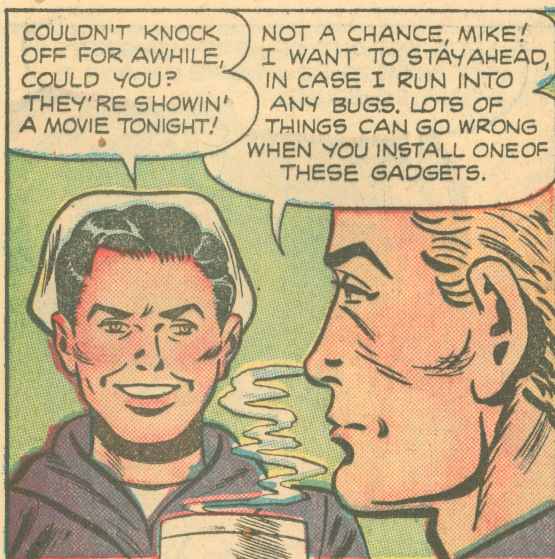
RIGHT. WHEN WE GET THE FIX, WE RELEASE THE DEPTH CHARGES AND RELAX.



THIS DEVICE WILL MAKE SUB-HUNTING BY PLANES PRETTY MUCH OF AN EXACT SCIENCE. NO MORE GUESS WORK.







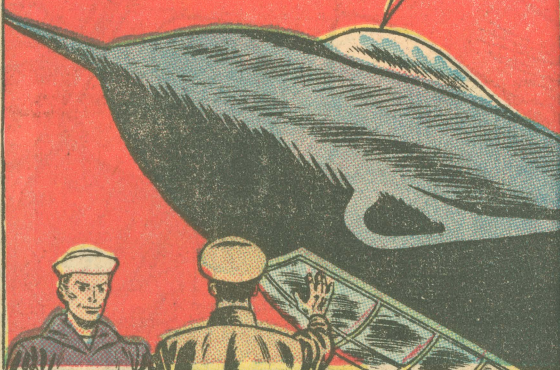
COULDN'T KNOCK
OFF FOR AWHILE,
COULD YOU?
THEY'RE SHOWIN'
A MOVIE TONIGHT!

NOT A CHANCE, MIKE!
I WANT TO STAY AHEAD,
IN CASE I RUN INTO
ANY BUGS. LOTS OF
THINGS CAN GO WRONG
WHEN YOU INSTALL ONE OF
THESE GADGETS.

NEXT DAY...

ALL SET, LIEUTENANT...
AND SEEMS TO
BE WORKING PERFECTLY.

WELL, YOU INSTALLED
IT IN RECORD
TIME. WE'VE
GOT THREE HOURS
TILL TAKE OFF.



LATER...

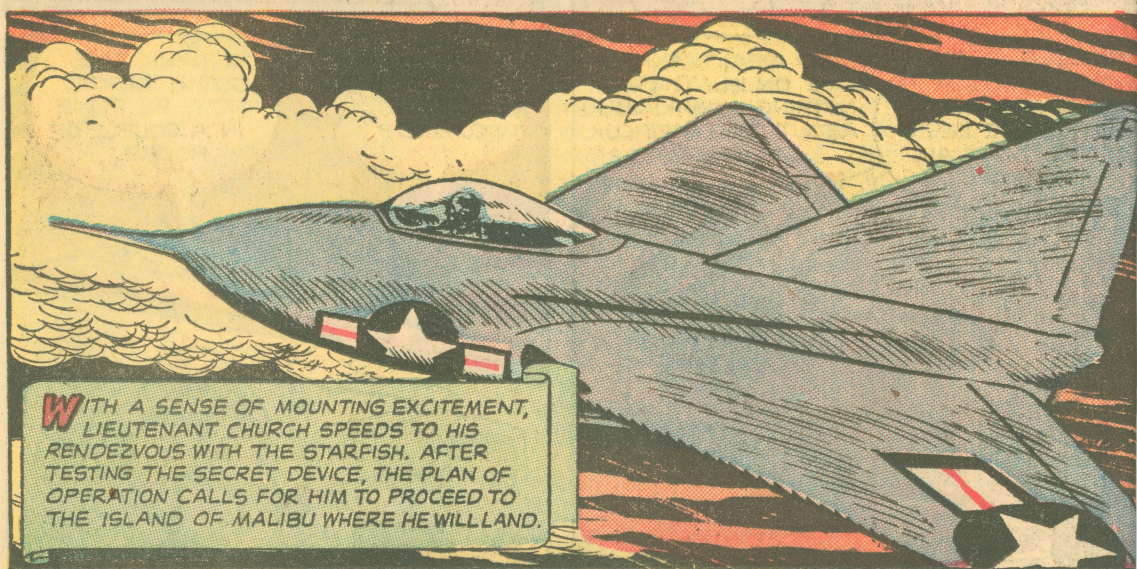
HERE WE GO!
WE'LL SOON FIND OUT HOW
GOOD A JOB YOU
DID, WINGATE!

GOOD LUCK,
SIR!

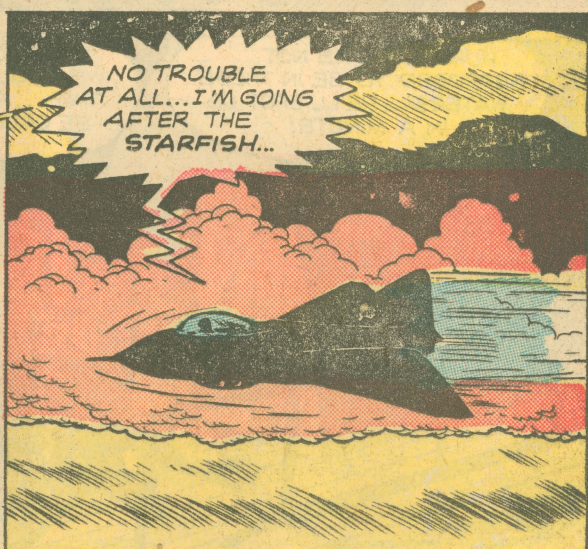
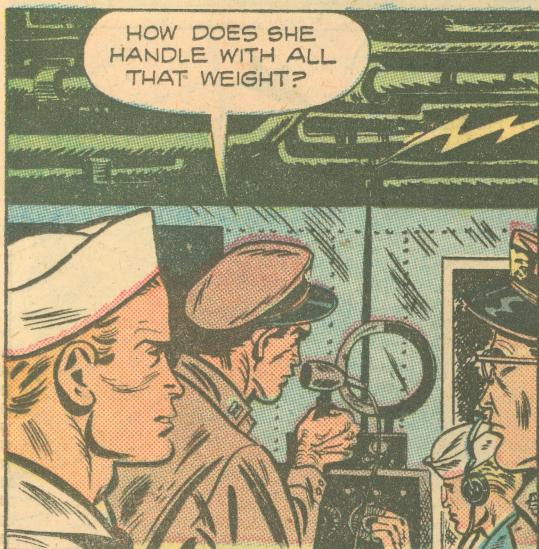
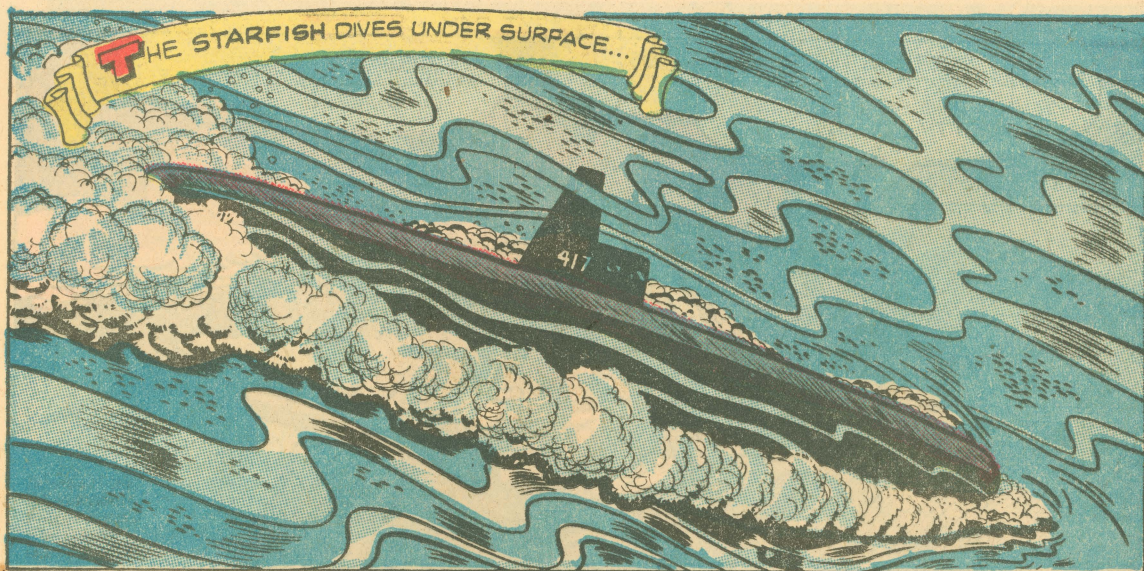


ON BOARD THE SUB, STARFISH...

CHURCH SHOULD
BE TAKING OFF RIGHT
ABOUT NOW!

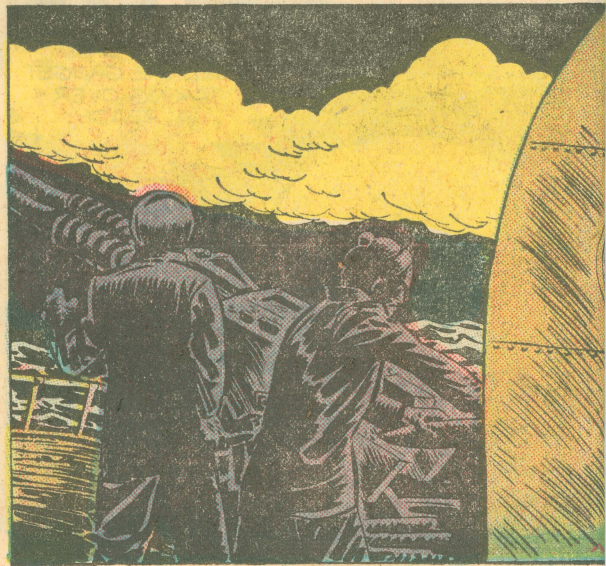
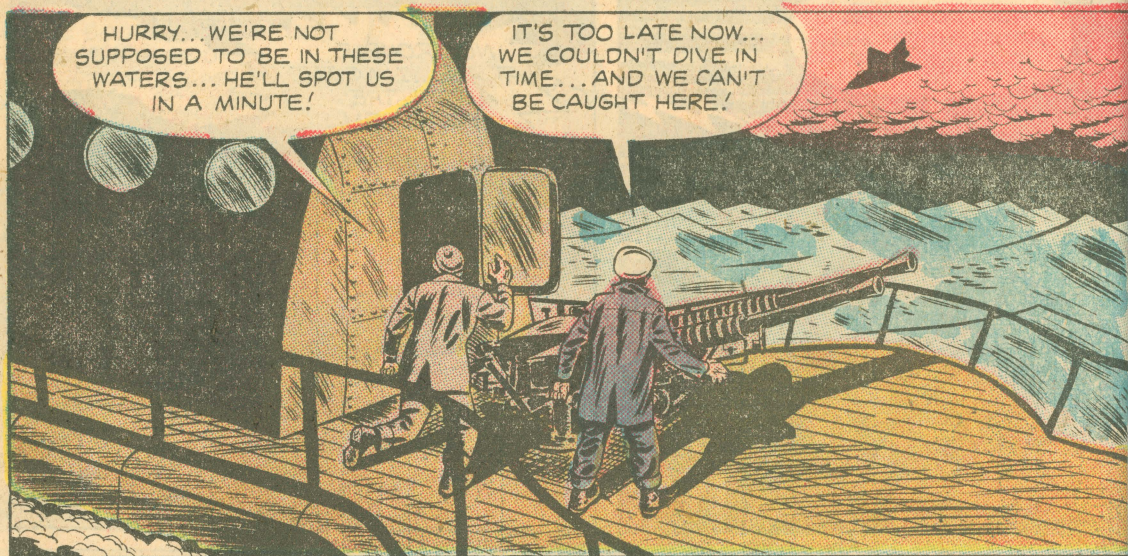
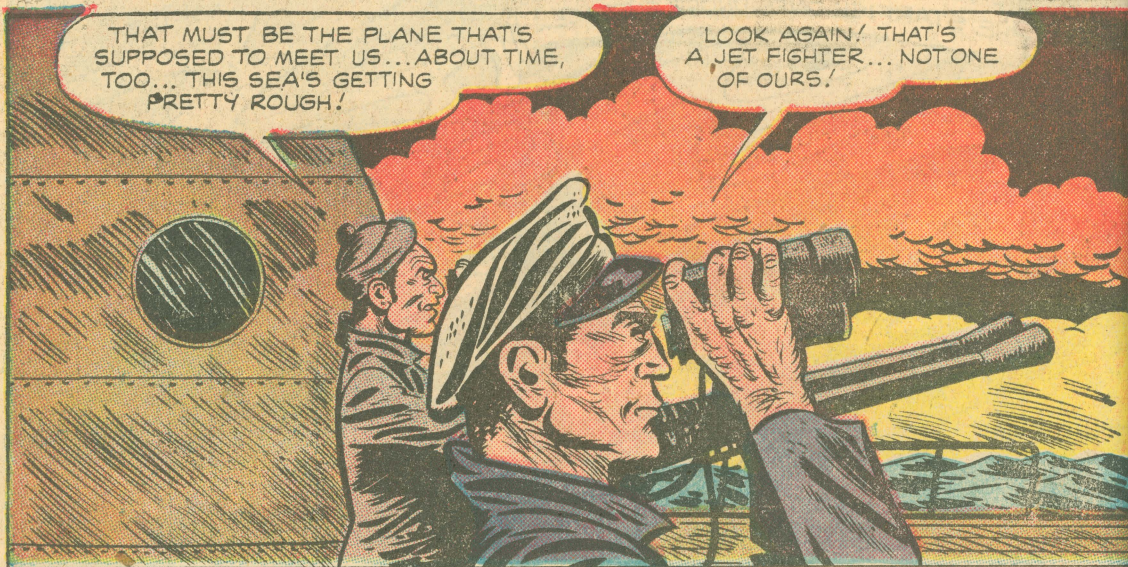


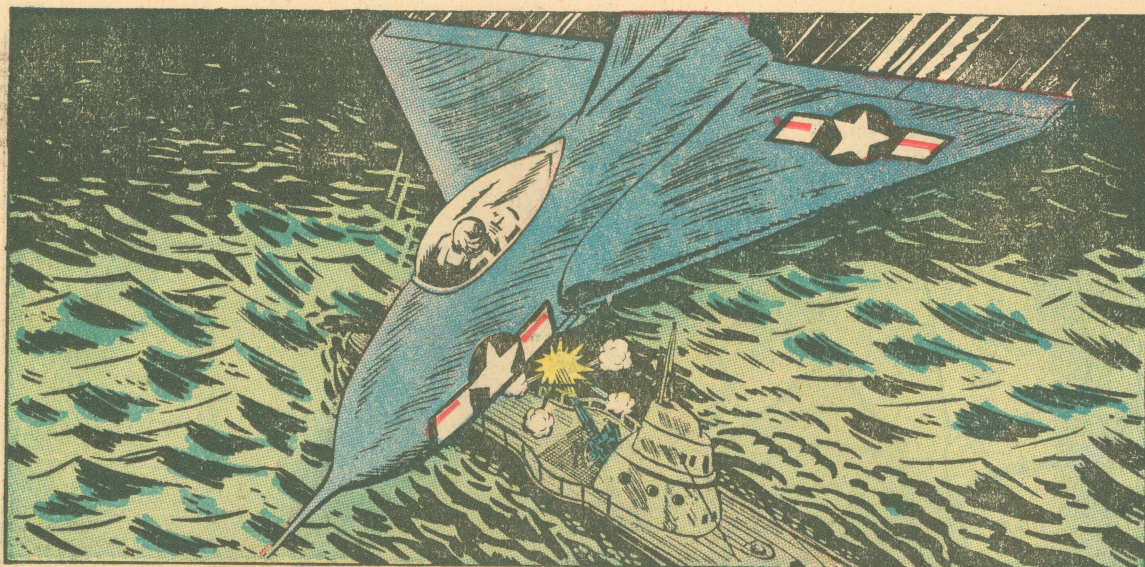
WITH A SENSE OF MOUNTING EXCITEMENT,
LIEUTENANT CHURCH SPEEDS TO HIS
RENDEZVOUS WITH THE STARFISH. AFTER
TESTING THE SECRET DEVICE, THE PLAN OF
OPERATION CALLS FOR HIM TO PROCEED TO
THE ISLAND OF MALIBU WHERE HE WILL LAND.



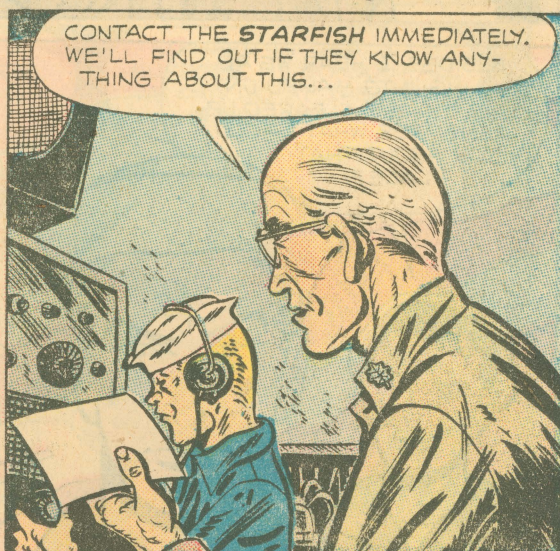
HALF AN HOUR LATER...







CAN'T GET ANY SIGNAL FROM HIM AT ALL... HIS RADIO'S GONE OUT!



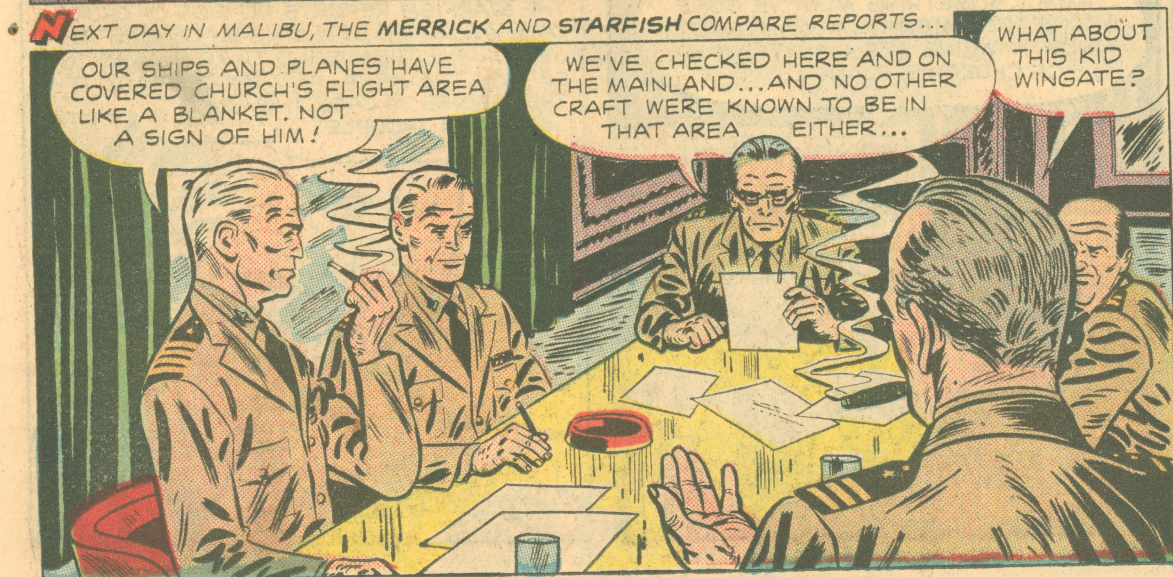
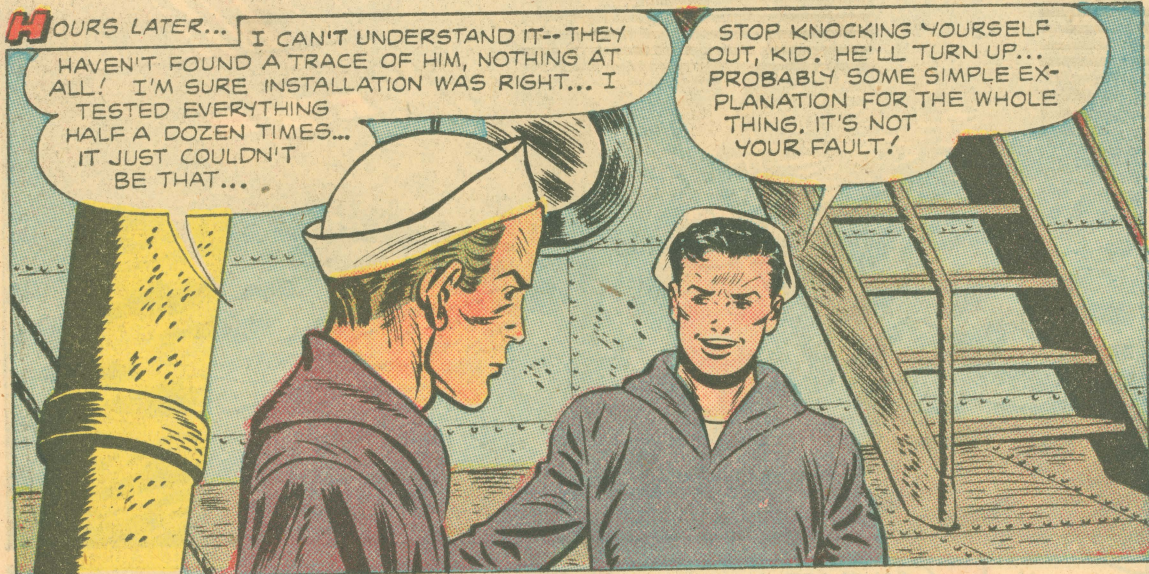
CONTACT THE *STARFISH* IMMEDIATELY. WE'LL FIND OUT IF THEY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS...



HMM... SOMETHING MUST'VE GONE WRONG. THE *MERRICK* WANTS TO KNOW IF WE'VE SEEN ANYTHING OF CHURCH'S PLANE...



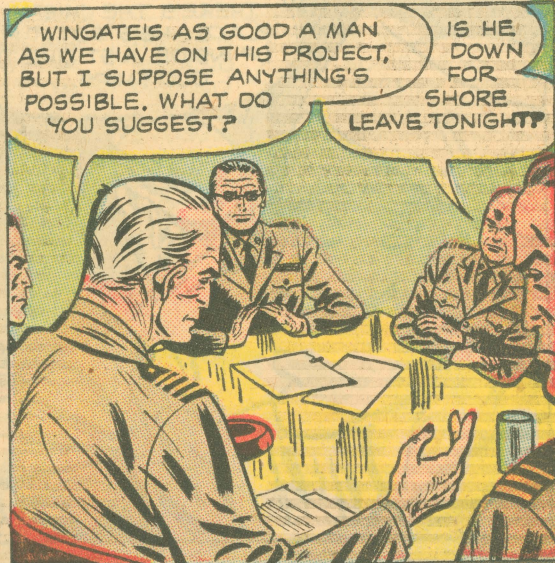
THE *STARFISH* REPORTS NO SIGN OF CHURCH... CALL ALL SHIPS STANDING BY ON THIS TEST. WE'LL HAVE THEM SEND THEIR PLANES TO SEARCH THE AREA, AND PROCEED INTO IT THEMSELVES IN CASE THEY FIND HIM IN TROUBLE!





WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I'M NOT ACCUSING HIM OF ANYTHING... BUT HE MIGHT'VE MADE A MISTAKE... A FEW CROSSED WIRES ON THAT INSTALLATION WOULD BLOW A PLANE TO BITS...



WINGATE'S AS GOOD A MAN AS WE HAVE ON THIS PROJECT, BUT I SUPPOSE ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE. WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST?

IS HE DOWN FOR SHORE LEAVE TONIGHT?



YES, HE'S DOWN WITH ABOUT FIFTY OR SIXTY OTHERS...

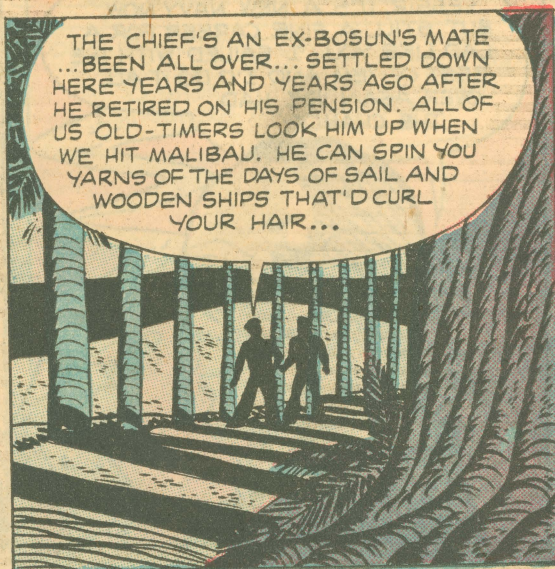
WELL, SUPPOSE A COUPLE OF US TRAIL ALONG... SEE WHAT WE CAN PICK UP...

NO HARM IN THAT, I SUPPOSE. IT'S ABOUT ALL WE CAN DO AT THIS END RIGHT NOW.



THAT NIGHT... FIRST THING WE DO BEFORE I SHOW YOU THE SIGHTS IS SEE OLD CHIEF BARTON.

BARTON... WHO'S THAT?



THE CHIEF'S AN EX-BOSUN'S MATE ... BEEN ALL OVER... SETTLED DOWN HERE YEARS AND YEARS AGO AFTER HE RETIRED ON HIS PENSION. ALL OF US OLD-TIMERS LOOK HIM UP WHEN WE HIT MALIBAU. HE CAN SPIN YOU YARNS OF THE DAYS OF SAIL AND WOODEN SHIPS THAT'D CURL YOUR HAIR...



THERE'S THE CHIEF'S PLACE. HE'S GOT IT FIXED UP INSIDE JUST LIKE THE OLD SHIPS...

AHOY THERE, MIKE MARTINI! COME ON ABOARD!



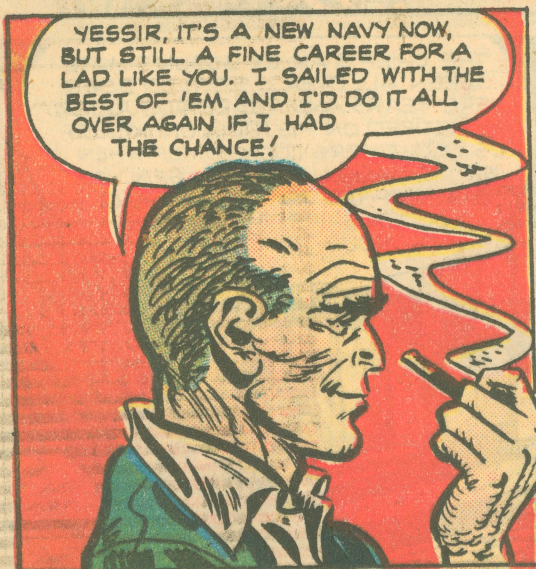
HEARD YOU WERE IN PORT, MIKE... WONDERED IF YOU'D REMEMBER THE OLD CHIEF!

NEVER MISSED, HAVE I? CHIEF, MEET A NEW HAND ON THE MERRICK-- DICK WINGATE, A GOOD KID.

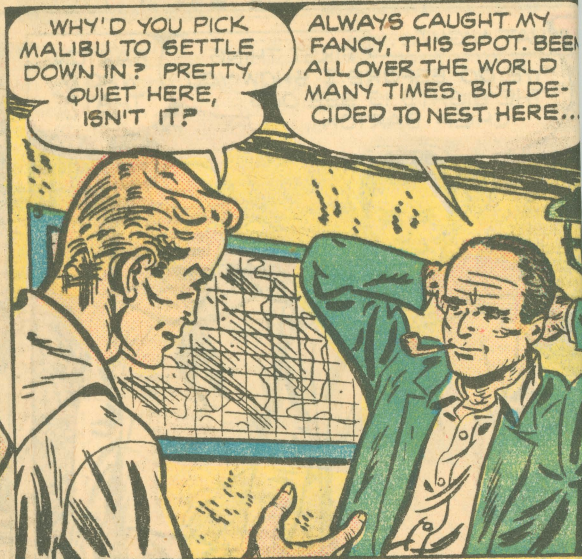


HE'S ONE OF THOSE NEW ELECTRONICS EXPERTS-- YOU KNOW, RADAR AND ALL THAT OTHER STUFF I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

DON'T SAWY IT EITHER SON, BUT THE NAVY WAS ALWAYS SHOWIN' THE WAY WITH NEW THINGS, EVEN IN MY DAY. THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT THE BEST IN THE WORLD!



YESSIR, IT'S A NEW NAVY NOW, BUT STILL A FINE CAREER FOR A LAD LIKE YOU. I SAILED WITH THE BEST OF 'EM AND I'D DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN IF I HAD THE CHANCE!



WHY'D YOU PICK MALIBU TO SETTLE DOWN IN? PRETTY QUIET HERE, ISN'T IT?

ALWAYS CAUGHT MY FANCY, THIS SPOT. BEEN ALL OVER THE WORLD MANY TIMES, BUT DECIDED TO NEST HERE..

IT'S QUIET ENOUGH HERE ALL RIGHT... THAT IS IT HAS BEEN UNTIL RECENTLY. WE'VE HAD A ROUGH BUNCH MOVE IN DOWN ALONG THE FRONT. I'VE EVEN HEARD SOME TALK OF SMUGGLING GOING ON!

SMUGGLING? ...OUT OF HERE? THAT'S CRAZY!

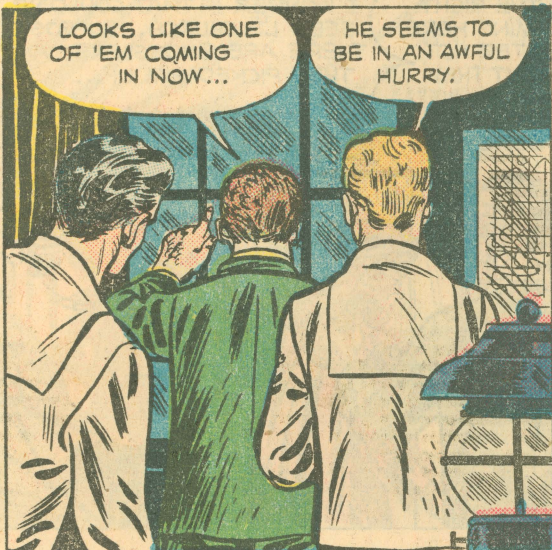
THERE'S NOTHING AROUND HERE WORTH SMUGGLING OUT!

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, BUT SOME OF MY NATIVE FISHERMEN FRIENDS TELL ME THEY'VE SEEN SIGNS OF IT.



LOOKS LIKE ONE OF 'EM COMING IN NOW...

HE SEEMS TO BE IN AN AWFUL HURRY.



SOMETHING VER' STRANGE HAPPEN, CHIEF. MUST TELL RIGHT 'WAY.'

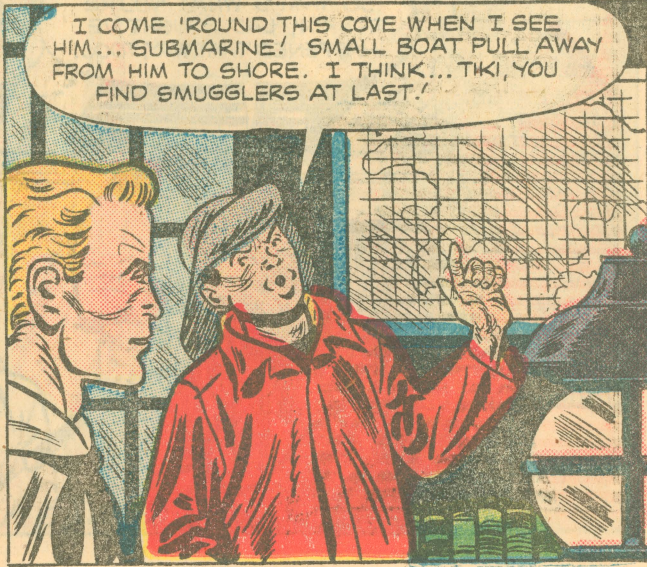
FIRE AWAY, TIKI... THESE ARE SHIP-MATES OF MINE.

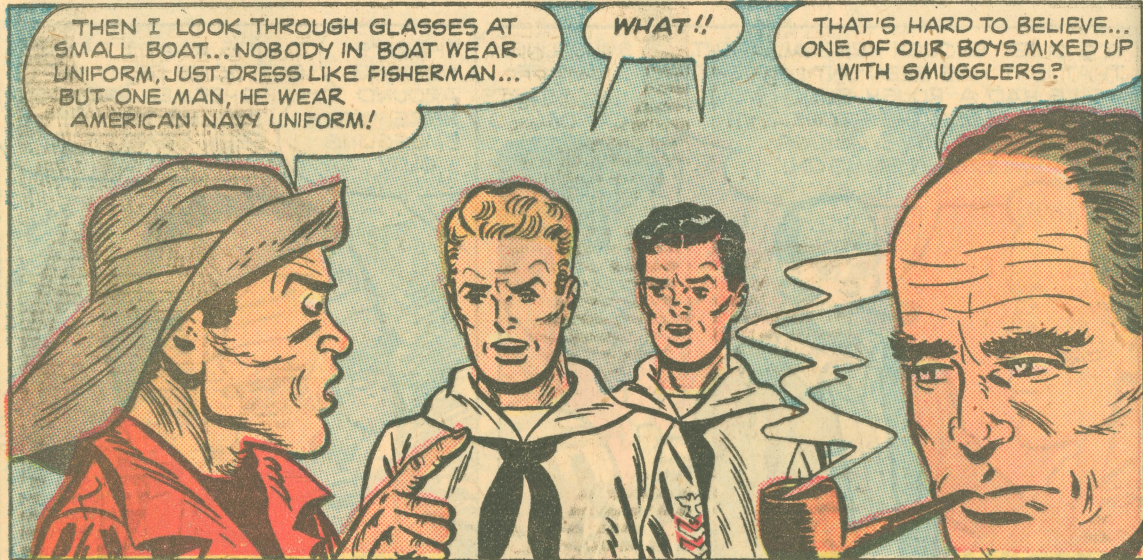


OUT FISHING, MY LITTLE BOAT... COME BACK WHEN I SEE HIM... HERE, I SHOW WHERE...



I COME 'ROUND THIS COVE WHEN I SEE HIM... SUBMARINE! SMALL BOAT PULL AWAY FROM HIM TO SHORE. I THINK... TIKI, YOU FIND SMUGGLERS AT LAST!





THEN I LOOK THROUGH GLASSES AT SMALL BOAT... NOBODY IN BOAT WEAR UNIFORM, JUST DRESS LIKE FISHERMAN... BUT ONE MAN, HE WEAR AMERICAN NAVY UNIFORM!

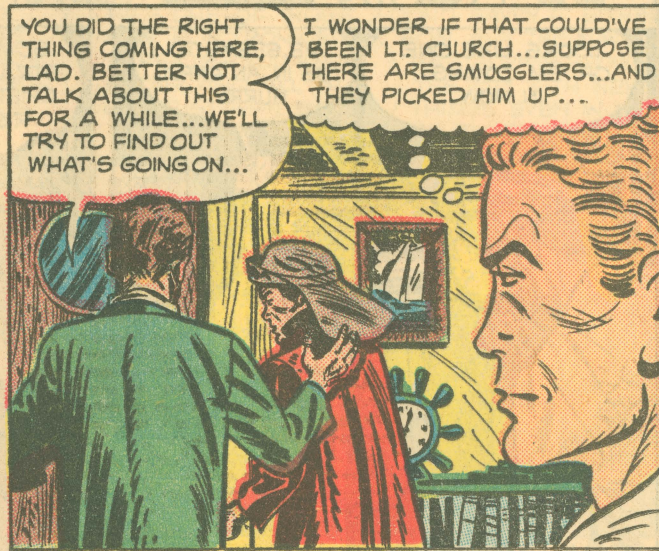
WHAT!!

THAT'S HARD TO BELIEVE... ONE OF OUR BOYS MIXED UP WITH SMUGGLERS?



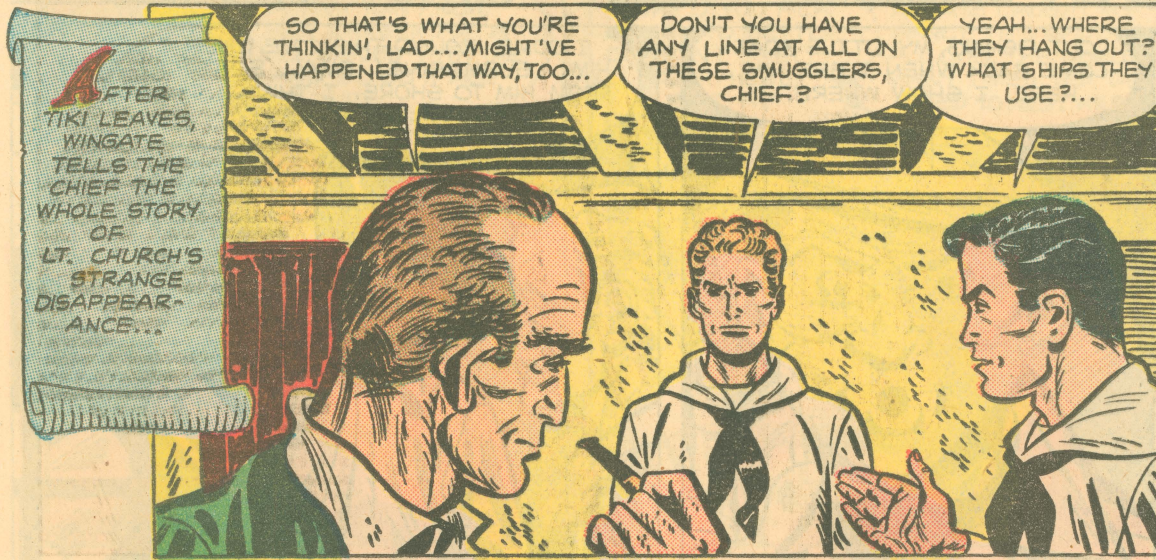
THAT'S NOT IT, CHIEF... WHAT ELSE DID YOU SEE, TIKI?

FIRST THEY SEE TIKI, QUICK. THEN BULLETS COME ALL 'ROUND. TIKI TURN 'WAY, COME HOME FAST...



YOU DID THE RIGHT THING COMING HERE, LAD. BETTER NOT TALK ABOUT THIS FOR A WHILE... WE'LL TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON...

I WONDER IF THAT COULD'VE BEEN LT. CHURCH... SUPPOSE THERE ARE SMUGGLERS... AND THEY PICKED HIM UP...

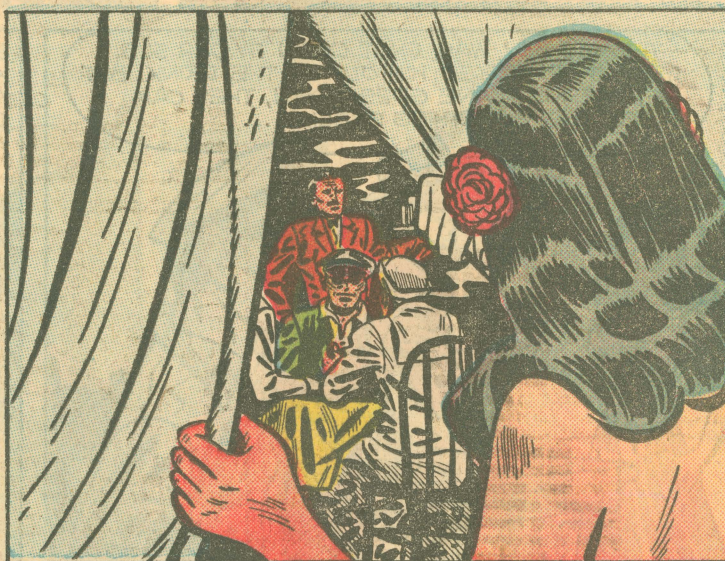
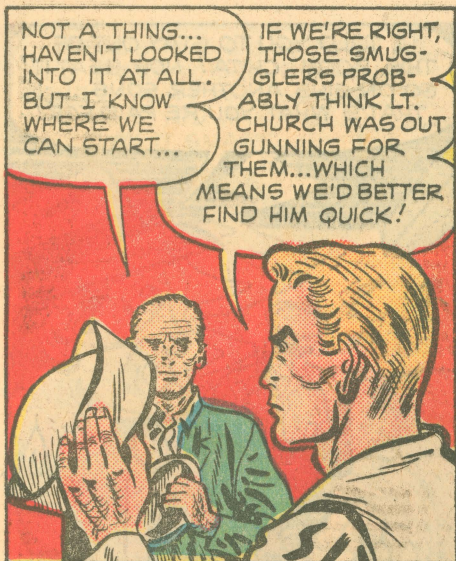


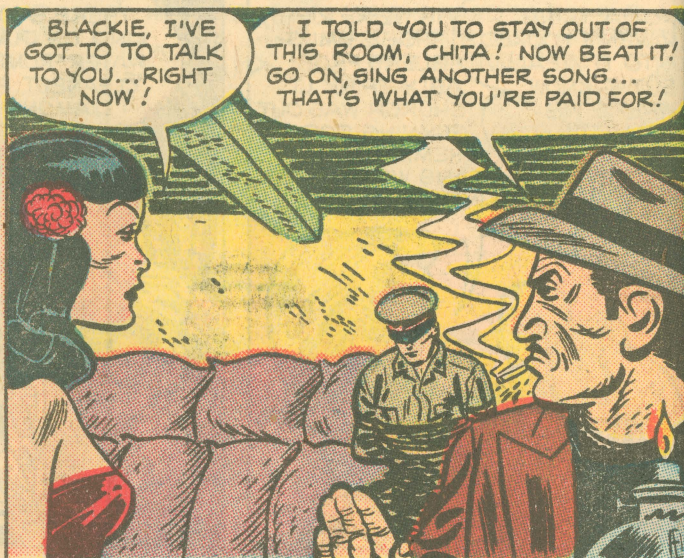
AFTER TIKI LEAVES, WINGATE TELLS THE CHIEF THE WHOLE STORY OF LT. CHURCH'S STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE...

SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE THINKIN', LAD... MIGHT 'VE HAPPENED THAT WAY, TOO...

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY LINE AT ALL ON THESE SMUGGLERS, CHIEF?

YEAH... WHERE THEY HANG OUT? WHAT SHIPS THEY USE?...





BLACKIE, I'VE GOT TO TALK TO YOU... RIGHT NOW!

I TOLD YOU TO STAY OUT OF THIS ROOM, CHITA! NOW BEAT IT! GO ON, SING ANOTHER SONG... THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE PAID FOR!



THOSE BUMS OUT THERE'LL WAIT! I'VE KNOWN ABOUT YOUR BEING MIXED UP IN THIS SMUGGLING FOR SOME TIME NOW... BUT I KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT. IT'S YOUR RACKET IF YOU GET CAUGHT, NOT MINE...

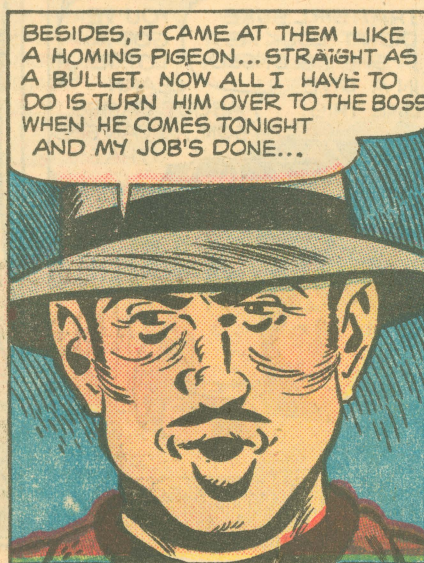


IN A FEW WEEKS I'LL HAVE ENOUGH DOUGH TO GET OUT OF THIS HOLE FOR GOOD! BUT KIDNAPPING AMERICAN SAILORS IS GOING TO GET ALL OF US IN QUEER... I'M QUITTING!

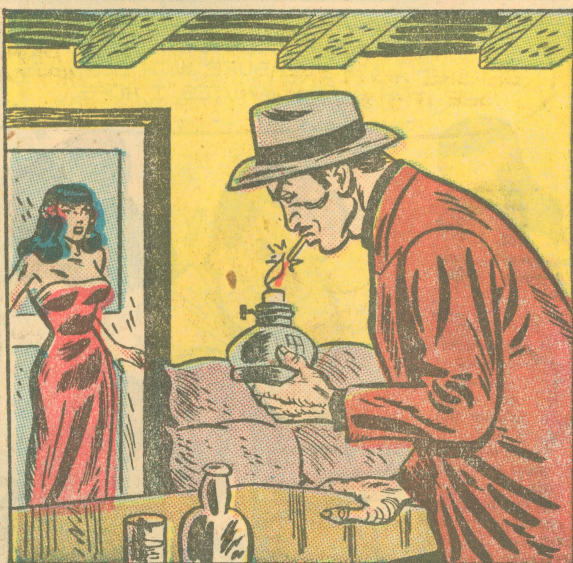
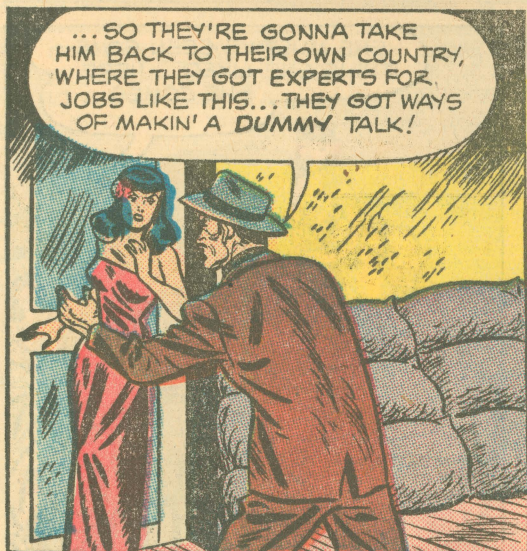
WHY YOU LITTLE ... ALLRIGHT! YOU KNOW SO MUCH, HERE'S THE REST. THE SNATCH IS SIMPLE...

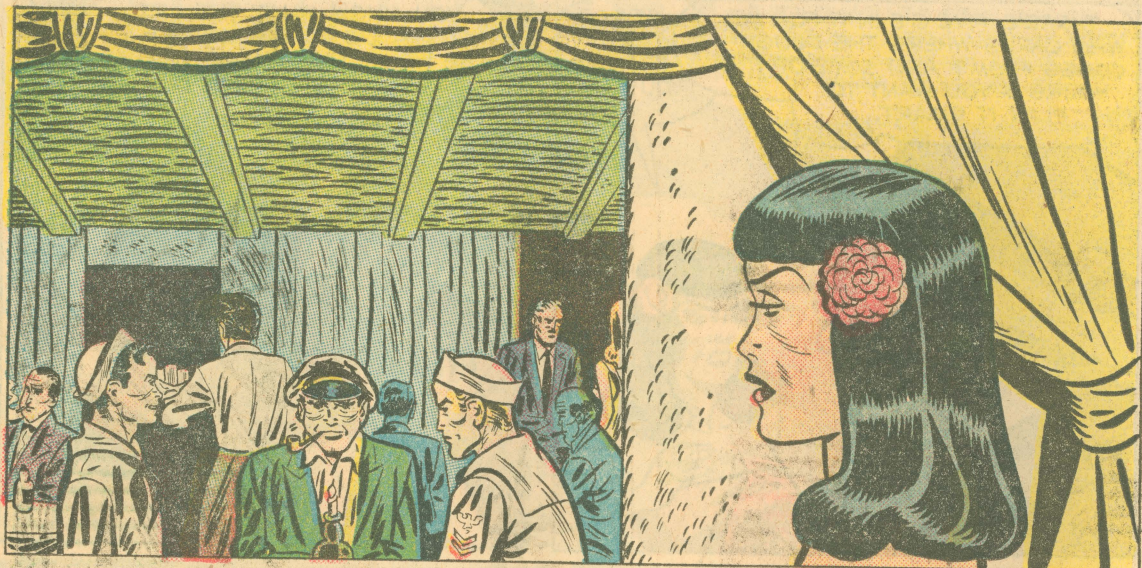


THIS FLY-BOY WAS SHOT DOWN BY OUR SUB, SEE... THEY PICKED HIM OUT OF THE DRINK. BUT BEFORE HIS PLANE GOES DOWN, THEY CAN SEE IT'S SOMETHING SPECIAL...



BESIDES, IT CAME AT THEM LIKE A HOMING PIGEON... STRAIGHT AS A BULLET. NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TURN HIM OVER TO THE BOSS WHEN HE COMES TONIGHT AND MY JOB'S DONE...



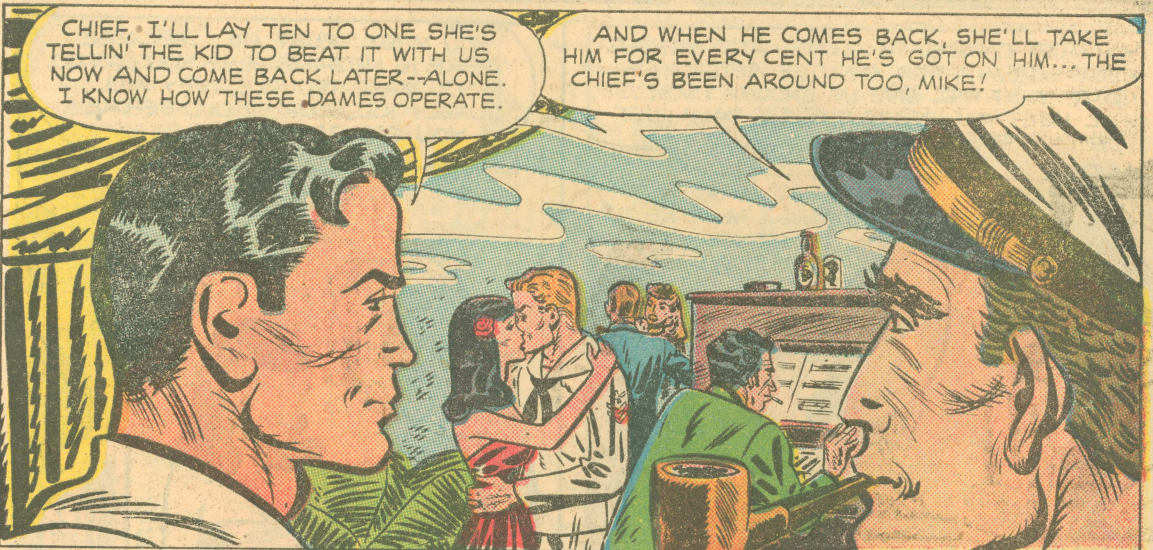
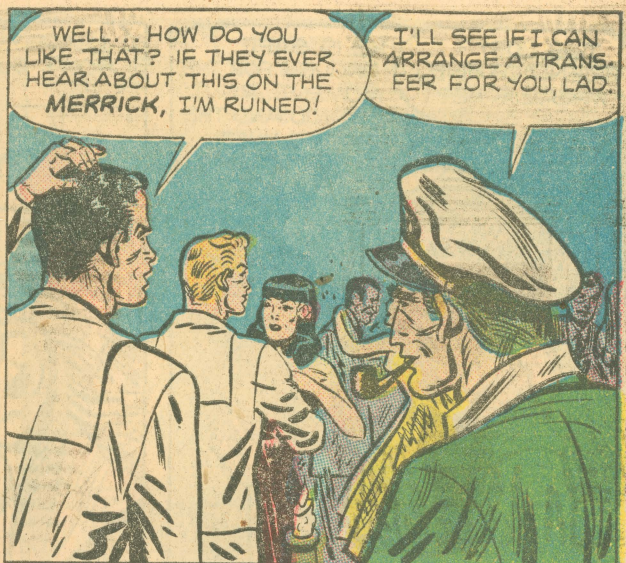


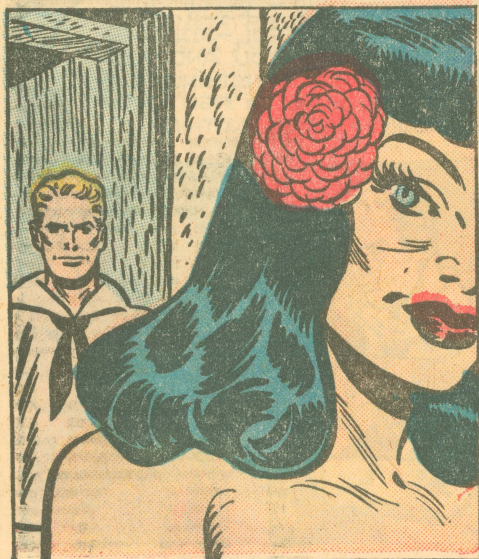
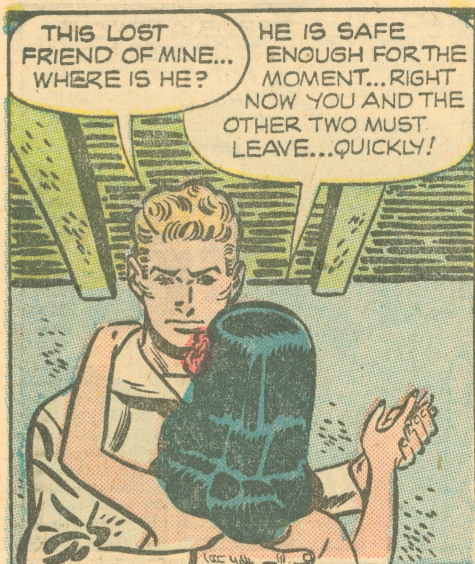
SURE PLENTY OF SUSPICIOUS LOOKING CHARACTERS HERE... MAYBE IF WE GOT THE LOCAL POLICE TO ROUND THEM UP FOR QUESTIONING.

SAY, WE'RE REALLY GETTING THE ONCE-OVER FROM THAT GIRL-FRIEND OF YOURS, WINGATE...

SHE MUST'VE SEEN SOMETHING SHE LIKED... HERE SHE COMES...

YOU GENTLEMEN DON'T MIND IF I MIX PLEASURE WITH BUSINESS FOR A FEW MINUTES, I HOPE...

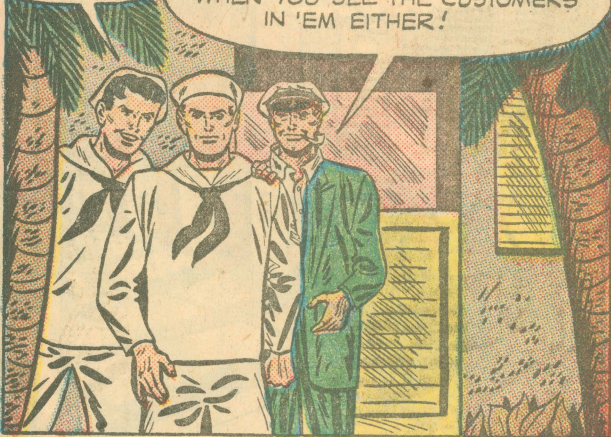






OKAY, LET'S TRY A FEW MORE OF THE JOINTS.

SEEMS THERE'S A NEW ONE OF 'EM OPENS UP EVERY DAY LATELY. IT'S NOT HARD TO BELIEVE THOSE SMUGGLING YARNS WHEN YOU SEE THE CUSTOMERS IN 'EM EITHER!

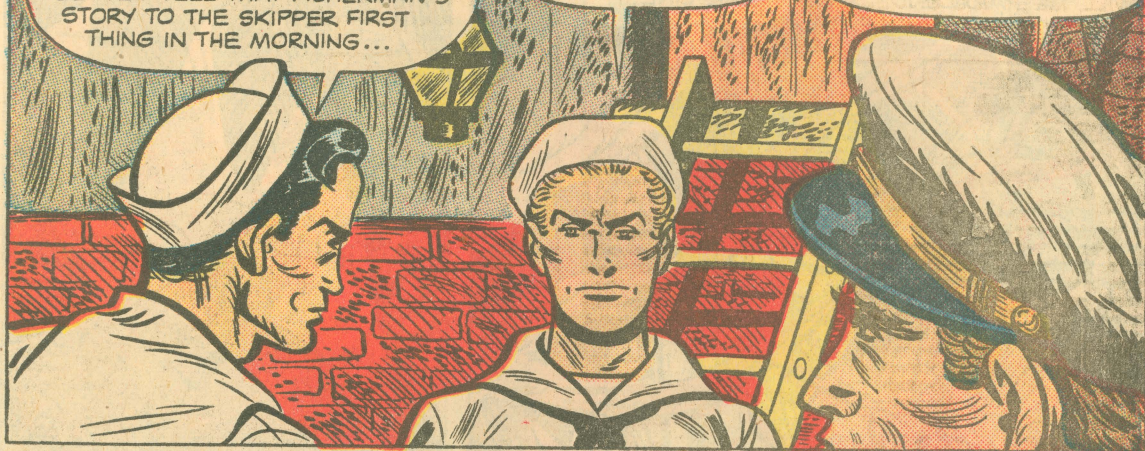


HOURS LATER...

FINE BUNCH OF DETECTIVES WE ARE... HAVEN'T HEARD A THING...WE'D BETTER TELL THAT FISHERMAN'S STORY TO THE SKIPPER FIRST THING IN THE MORNING...

I'M GOING BACK TO THE SHIP, MIKE. WHY DON'T YOU...

STAY WITH THE CHIEF, TOO, LAD. THERE'S ANOTHER BUNK FOR YOU...

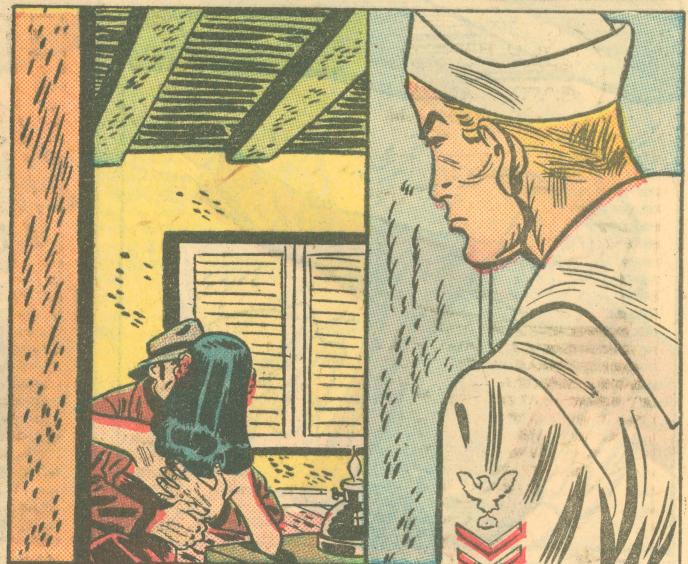
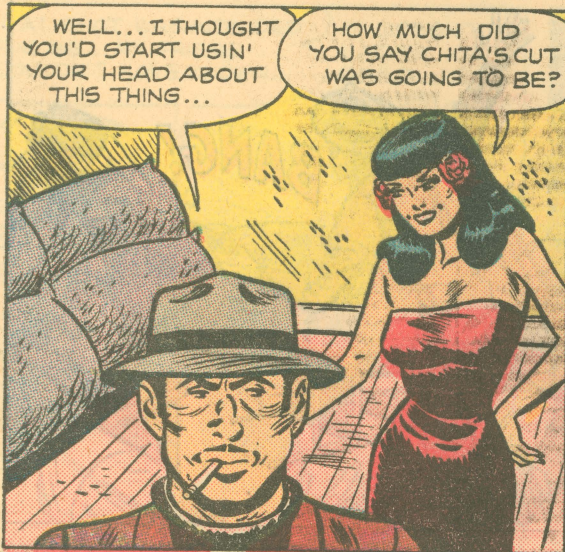


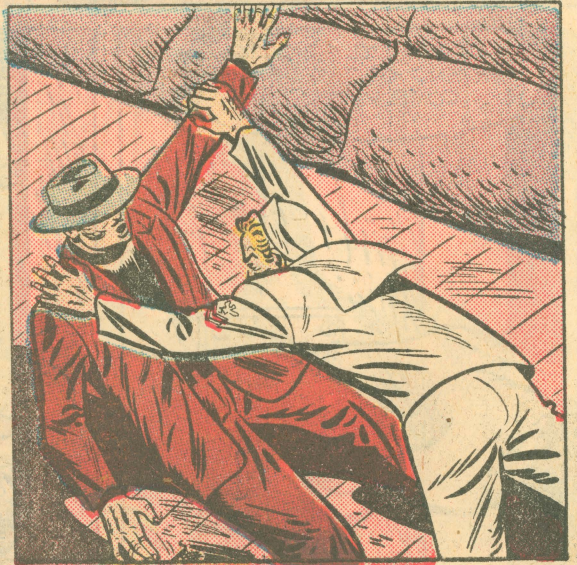
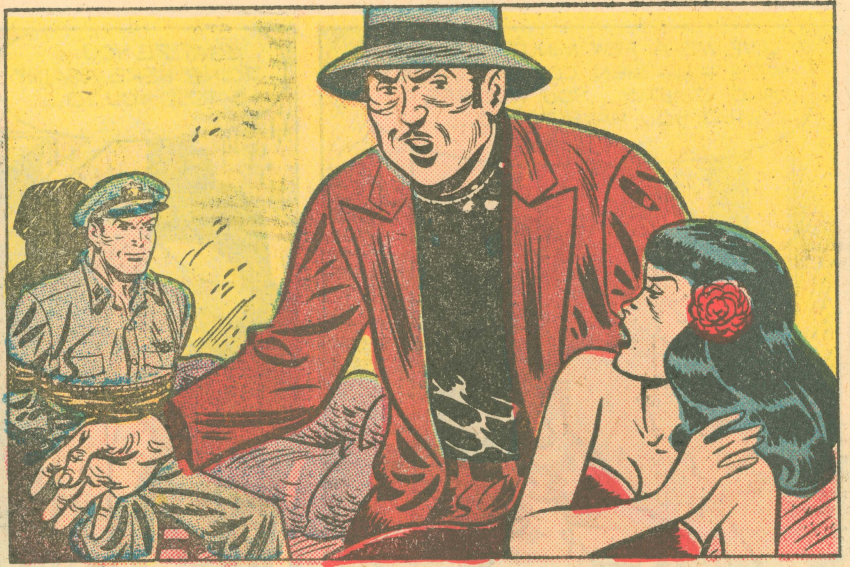
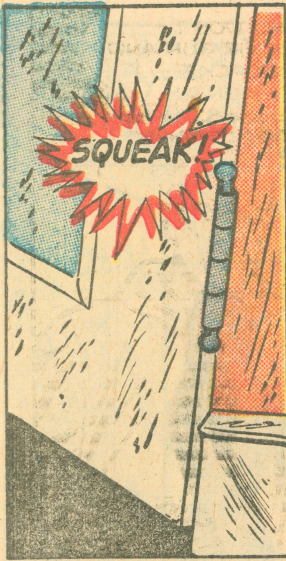
NOT TONIGHT, CHIEF. I'M WORKING ON A REPORT ON THAT TEST WE STARTED. GOT TO FINISH IT BY MORNING...

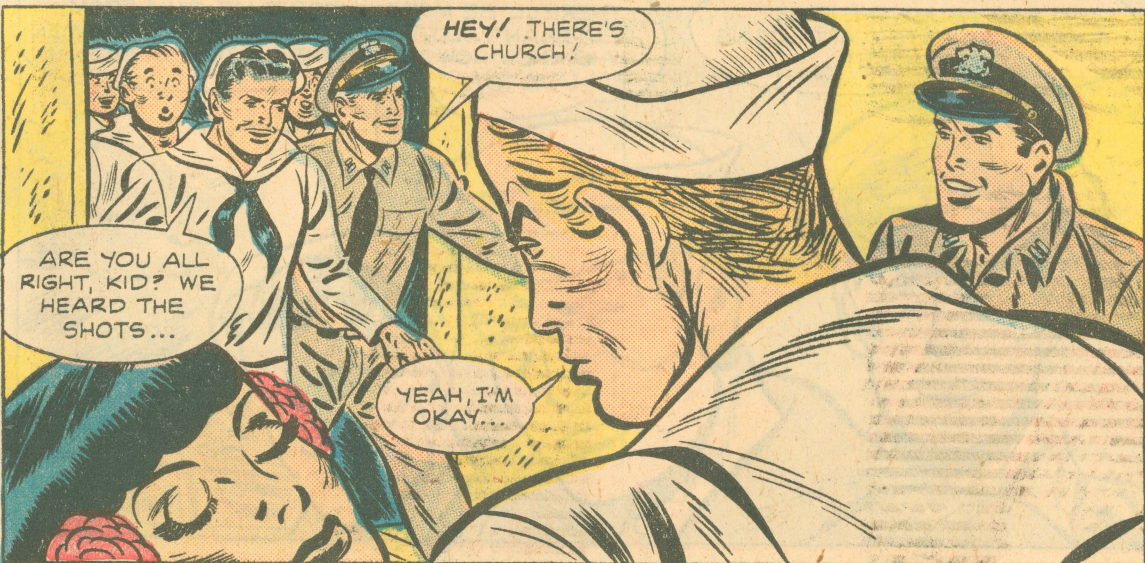
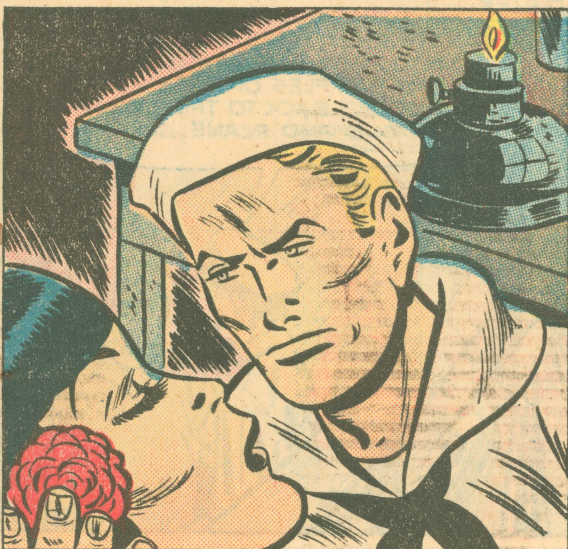
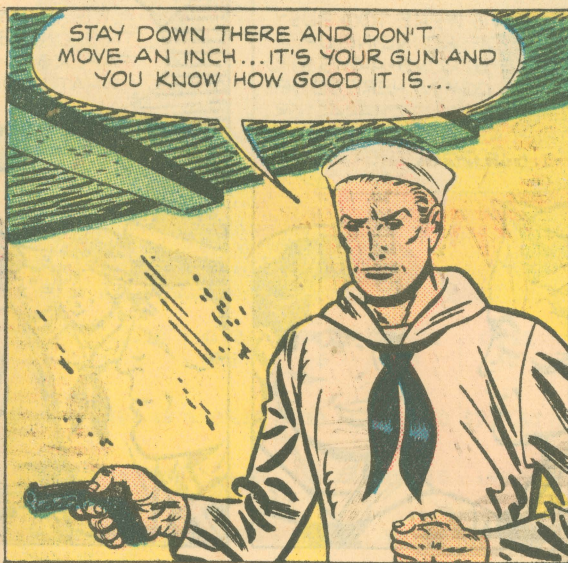
I TOLD YOU HE'D BE GOING BACK TO MEET THAT DAME...CRAZY KID! I'LL FOLLOW ALONG AND SEE HE DOESN'T GET HURT...

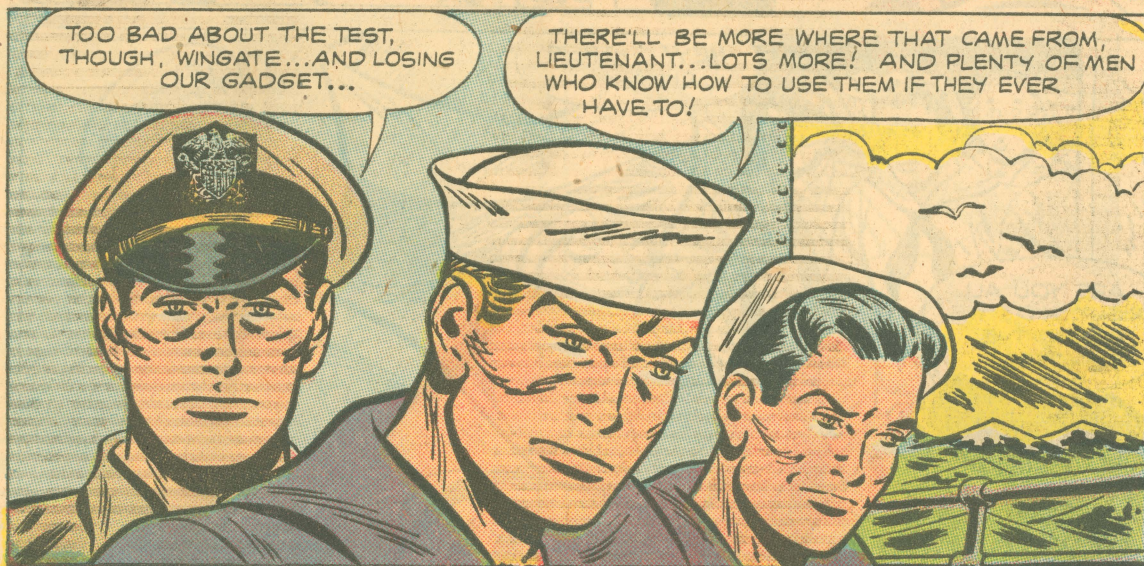
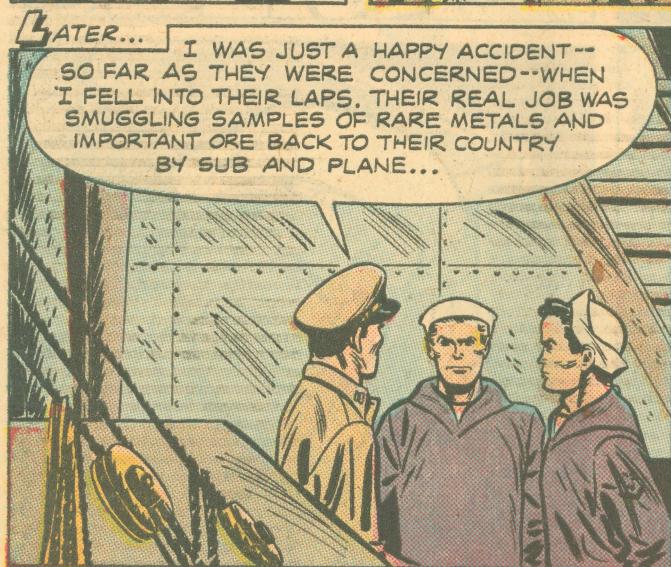












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Seaman	95.55	102.90	110.25	117.60	124.95	132.30	139.65
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Petty Officer Third Class	169.05	176.40	191.10	191.10	191.10	191.10	
Seaman	147.00	147.00	147.00	147.00	147.00	147.00	
Apprentice	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	
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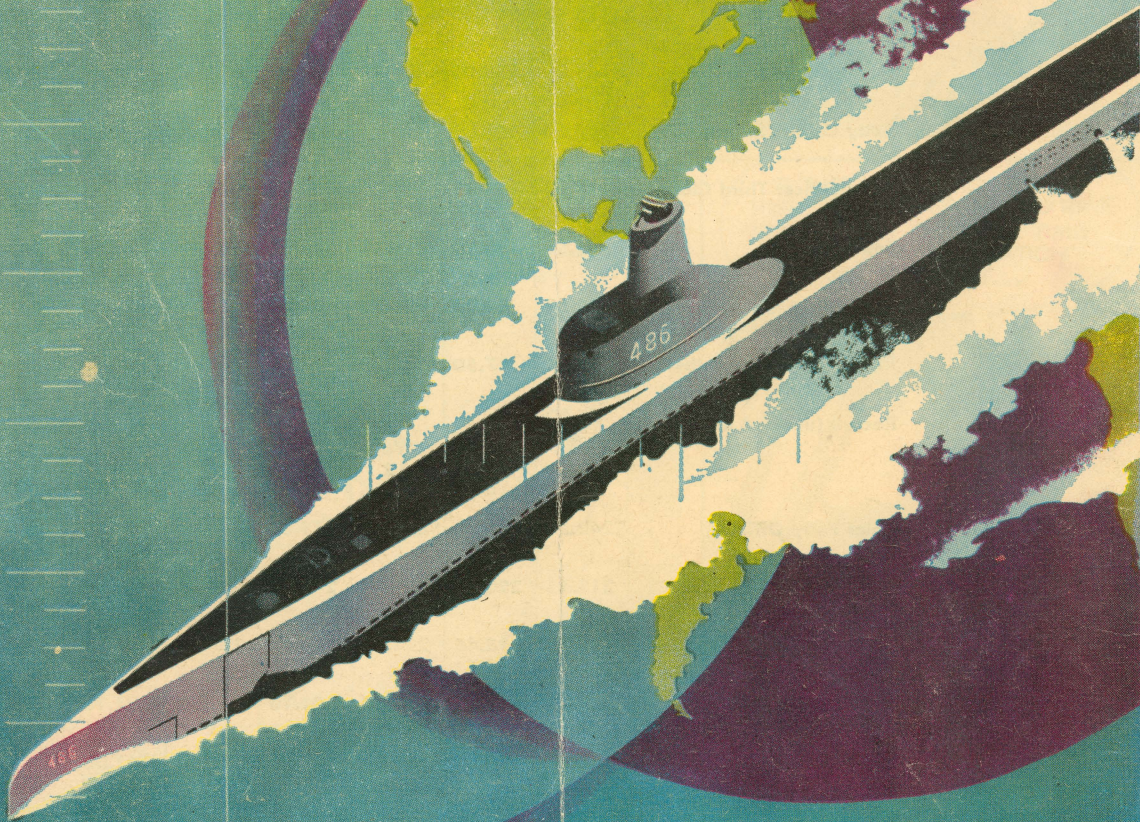
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